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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	2.25	4.25	5.35
Yau Ma Tei ...Dep.	6.50	8.15	8.40	9.25	10.40	12.10	1.25	2.35	4.35	5.45
Shatin ...Dep.	7.03	8.25	8.50	9.35	10.50	12.20	1.35	2.45	4.45	5.55
Tai Po ...Dep.	7.16	8.35	9.00	9.45	11.00	12.30	1.45	2.55	4.55	6.05
Tai Po Market ...Dep.	7.28	8.45	9.10	9.55	11.10	12.40	1.55	3.05	5.05	6.15
Fanning ...Dep.	7.53	9.05	9.30	10.05	11.20	12.50	2.05	3.15	5.15	6.25
Shenzhen ...Dep.	7.58	9.10	9.35	10.10	11.25	12.55	2.10	3.20	5.20	6.30
Shenzhen ...Arr.	7.42	8.45	9.10	9.35	10.10	11.25	2.10	3.20	5.20	6.30
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Fanning ...Dep.	7.19	8.45	9.10	9.35	10.10	11.25	12.35	1.45	2.55	4.05
Shenzhen ...Dep.	7.26	8.50	9.15	9.40	10.15	11.30	12.40	1.50	3.00	4.10
Fanning ...Dep.	7.31	8.55	9.20	9.45	10.20	11.35	12.45	1.55	3.05	4.15
Tai Po Market ...Dep.	7.41	9.05	9.30	9.55	10.30	11.45	12.55	2.05	3.15	4.25
Tai Po ...Dep.	7.46	9.10	9.35	10.00	11.15	12.30	1.40	2.50	4.00	4.10
Shatin ...Dep.	7.58	9.15	9.40	10.05	11.20	12.35	1.45	2.55	4.05	4.15
Yau Ma Tei ...Dep.	8.12	9.25	9.50	10.15	11.30	12.45	1.55	3.05	4.15	4.25
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.30	9.45	10.10	10.35	11.50	13.05	2.15	3.25	4.35	4.45

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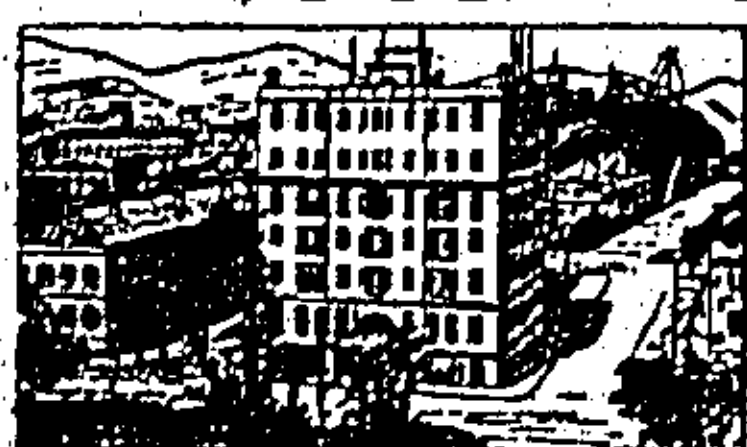
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MURDER GANG DIRECTED FROM ONE SOURCE.

The following extracts from the *Shanghai Mercury* of March 18th give a vivid picture of the terrorist campaign against Chinese working people carried on during the days of uncertainty and suspense preceding the fall of the native city to the Nationalists. The crimes were evidently directed by a central authority probably of a political nature.

In a determined effort to discover the source of the political murders which have developed into a reign of terror among loyal mill workers rewards totalling over twenty thousand dollars are being offered by the police authorities of the International Settlement.

Proclamations offering \$2,000 in each of ten cases, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderers, and several others for lesser amounts are being broadcast throughout the Settlement with specially heavy posting in the vicinity of mills and in the factory districts.

Probably Directed by the I.W.W.

It is more than probable that the whole campaign of terrorism is being directed from one source and that the actual murderers are no more than tools hired for a small reward to be paid on the successful completion of the act of murder. All the crimes appear to carry the marks of one directing intelligence and bear many points of resemblance to campaigns of terrorism instigated by agents of the International Workers of the World, a Communist organization responsible for much successful sabotage in the western states of America. If, as seems probable, the murderers are hired assassins with no motives beyond the hope of gain, it is very probable that the large rewards offered by the Criminal Investigation Department of the S.M.P. will shortly bear fruit.

\$2,000 Reward.

In addition to the rewards offered for the crimes committed yesterday sums of two thousand dollars each are being offered for information leading to arrest and conviction in the following cases:

For the murderer or instigator of the murder of Koo Sau San and his brother Koo Ching San at 1206, Robinson Road, at 8 a.m., February 14th.

For the murderer or instigator in the case of Ts Ah San, near Penang Road on Gordon Road at 5.45, February 28th.

The case of Woo Zai Asun, murdered on a piece of vacant ground in Chinese territory off Tongshan Road at 4.20 p.m., on February 22nd.

For the arrest and conviction of the four persons, three of whom are named Zien Tsai, Sih Ah Do, and Hing Wong Zung, wanted on a Provisional Court warrant charged with the attempted murder of Yui So Daung on Penang Road at 6.30 a.m., March 7th.

For the instigators or murderers of Tsang Voon Ziang on Macao Road at 5.45 a.m., March 11th.

The same in the case of Tai Ching Sung, otherwise Mo Ziang Ching Sung, murdered on Kwang-shu Road at 7.05 a.m., March 11th.

For the murderer of Zung Zai Zung otherwise Voon, Pan Sze in a bath house at 764, Markham Road, at about 5 p.m., March 13th.

For the murderer or instigator of the murder of Tsung Foh Kung, shot dead in the mess room of the Ngai Wata Kaisha No. 9 Mill, 60, Markham Road, at 10.35 p.m., March 18th.

Lesser Rewards.

A reward of \$1,000 is offered in the case of Sung Lee Koh, a machine shop foreman in the employ of the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company, who was killed outside his home in the Lok Ka Zah village in Pootung at 7 p.m., on March 6th.

Wednesday.

38th Ordinary annual meeting Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., St. George's Building, 11 a.m.

30th Ordinary annual meeting Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., No. 2, Ice House Street (St. George's Building), noon.

Extraordinary general meeting China Light and Power Co. (1918), Ltd., St. George's Building, 2.30 p.m.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).

Tea dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

Principal mails:—Outward: Canada, U.S.A., etc., Europe via Vancouver (Empress of Canada), 3 p.m.

Thursday.

Entries close for Hong Kong Lawn Bowls League.
3rd Annual general meeting Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., 2nd Floor, Powell's Building, 3 p.m.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Diocesan Girls' School annual speech day. Prize Distribution by Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A. (Vice-Chancellor, Hong Kong University), 5 p.m.

Hockey: V.M.C.A. v. Hockey Club, King's Park, 5.15 p.m.

Meeting of Executive Members of Consulting Committee of I.R.C.O. of Macao, Ltd., Kom Tong Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Reception to Dr. Jose Caetano Soares, Club Lusitano, 5.30 p.m.

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

Social and Concert for H.M. Forces, Sailors and Soldiers' Home, Argente Street, 8 p.m.

Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

Hong Kong A.D.C. present "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Her Big Night."

World Theatre: "The Devil's Cargo."

Star Theatre: "The Lotus Eater" and "What Happened to Jones."

Saturday.

42nd Annual meeting—A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

31st Yearly meeting The Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

Saturday's issue.
Yachting: Re-sail of "Ladies" Cup.

New Territories Development Show Committee meeting, Lady Ho Tung's farm, Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

12th Annual sports meeting of Hong Kong University Athletic Association, Pokfulam Ground, 2.30 p.m.

1st Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

Hong Kong University Union social, Great Hall, University, 8 p.m.

Hong Kong A.D.C. present "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Crane-ginger Cricket Club dance, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Her Big Night."

World Theatre: "The Devil's Cargo."

Star Theatre: "The Lotus Eater" and "What Happened to Jones."

Massey Bands Concert, Queen's Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Haruna Maru), 8.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Zvezdochka), 2.30 p.m.

Sunday.

Tourist Ship *Resolute* due. Fanning Hunt meet Sheung Shui Police Station, 9.30 a.m.

Cricket: Club de Recreio v. K.S.F.P.A. King's Park.

Yachting: Club v. Ladies; and sail off of tie in Cruiser Championship.

Bethoven recital, Union Church, Kennedy Road, 5.30 p.m.

Massey Bands Concert, Queen's Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatnam, papers (Gogra).

Monday.

Entries close for Fanning Hunt Steeplechase Meeting, noon.

58th ordinary general meeting Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., noon.

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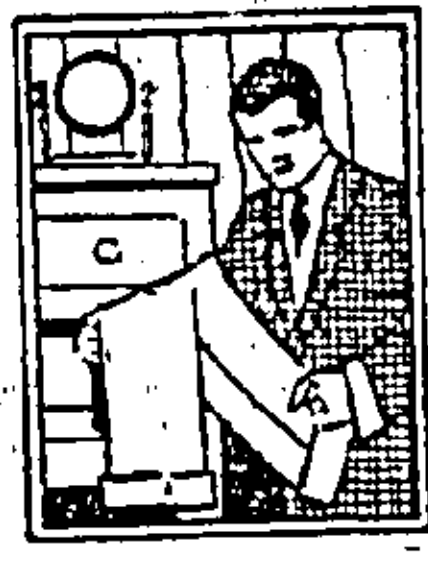
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SHARP LESSON FOR BIAS BAY PIRATES.

BRITISH AUTHORITIES TAKE ACTION.

FULL DETAILS OF THE NAVAL RAID.

SEVERAL VILLAGES AND A NUMBER OF JUNKS
DESTROYED.

WARNING THAT PUNISHMENT WILL BE REPEATED
IF PIRACIES CONTINUE.

A few days ago, Mr. Eugene Chen, discussing the question of piracy prevention with Mr. Teichman, the British representative at Hankow, suggested that the British authorities should station a warship at Bias Bay. The Navy have done better than this. Following the piracy of the *Hop Sang* on Tuesday they sent five vessels to the pirate haunt, put three landing parties ashore who, after informing the inhabitants why they had come and warning them that the punishment would be repeated if the piracies continued, proceeded to destroy the villages which were known to harbour members of the pirate gangs.

Approximately 100 houses, some of them stone built, others merely matsheds, and between thirty and forty junks and sampans were set on fire or blown up. The villagers themselves, who had decamped hurriedly on hearing the approach of the landing parties, congregated on high ground in the neighbourhood and watched the proceedings. There was no opposition, but the smoke rising in thick clouds in the air must have been seen for miles around and it is hoped that the lesson which this smoke conveyed will be taken to heart.

The operations were very skillfully carried out and only occupied eight hours from the time of the disembarkation until all the men were safely back on their ships again—2.30 a.m. until 10.30 a.m. The manner in which the 17 cutters employed were towed through several miles of shoal water brought forth the highest praise from Rear-Admiral Boyle who was in charge of the expedition. Even after leaving the cutters the men had to wade a considerable distance, sometimes up to their waist in mud and water. Captain Calvert of H.M.S. *Problecher* was in command of the landing parties, naval forces only being employed with the exception of a detachment of police officers, interpreters and detectives under the charge of Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Captain Superintendent of Police, accompanied by Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, and Captain Bloxham. This is the second time that Captain Bloxham has taken part in a Bias Bay raid. He accompanied the expedition carried out in 1925 by the British Navy and Police in conjunction with the Chinese.

THE EXPEDITION STARTS.

The expedition was carried out by H.M.S. *Problecher*, *Delhi*, *Marazion*, *Fozglove* and *Hermes*. These ships left Hong Kong harbour at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday and arrived at Bias Bay about 1.30 on Wednesday morning.

This particular destination was the Fan Lo Kong inlet which was known to be the pirates' principal operating base. This inlet, however, is nothing but an expanse of shoal water. The cutters, therefore, were anchored off Tsang Chau Island and landing forces ordered away. These landing parties were divided into three sections, the first heading for Kwaichau, a village at the top of the inlet, whilst the objective of the other two was the small group of hamlets known as Hoichau.

The force comprised 300 marines and naval ratings with the police, and 17 cutters were needed to accommodate them. Everything was in readiness for a start to be made at 2.30 a.m., and the *Marazion* then proceeded to tow these small boats shorewards. As stated, it was an operation which, at dead of night, required no little skill. The towing

continued for eight or ten miles and then the boats crews took to their oars or were helped along by the motor boats. Even so, the men, at the finish had to wade to the shore. Some had to walk a distance of nearly 400 yards waist high in mud and water.

AT KWAICHAU.

The Kwaichau landing party, favoured by rather deeper water, were first ashore at 6.15 a.m. Their object was two fold—to destroy the villages known to be pirate haunts without, if possible, any loss of life, and to destroy the junks and other craft in the neighbourhood. The first platoon immediately proceeded to the high ground to the west of the village and took up covering positions. The second platoon advanced directly on the village and found that it had been deserted. The inhabitants were seen congregated among the trees two or three hundred yards away.

The villagers were collected together and told that a period of grace would be allowed them during which they might collect and remove their personal belongings from the houses which were to be destroyed. The object of the expedition was also explained to them.

Subsequently all the houses in the village were demolished either by fire or by explosives. There were about twenty stone built houses and a similar number of matsheds. Between fifteen and twenty junks and sampans were also destroyed.

AT HOICHAU.

The landing party at Hoichau was divided into two sections, one dealing with the two hamlets near the beach and the second with the larger portion of the village which lay behind an adjoining hill.

At Hoichau, as at Kwaichau, the forces found all the houses deserted. The inhabitants, hearing the approach of the boats, had run away in the direction of other villages of which there are several within a radius of two or three miles. The hurried nature of their departure was indicated by the fact that in many cases the morning meal had been left either in course of preparation or half consumed.

All movable material in the neighbourhood was collected and piled in and around the houses which were then set on fire, the more permanent structures being blown up. In the first two hamlets about 30 houses were destroyed by fire and seven or eight more by explosives; in the larger part of the village behind the hill 50 or 60 houses were destroyed by one method or the other and it is noteworthy that in some cases, explosions, obviously of ammunition, were heard coming from the burning heaps. Between 15 and 20 junks were also destroyed.

VILLAGER QUESTIONED.

In Hoichau was found the only native who had remained to await the arrival of the landing parties. He came from his hiding place when an adjacent house was blown up. In answer to questions, he stated that four or five pirates had absconded from the village, but he denied any knowledge of the whereabouts of the five Chinese who had been kidnapped by the pirates from the *a.s. Seang Beg* in January. He suggested that the Elders of the adjacent village of Cheunghai might be able to produce them if those Elders were arrested and held for examination. This suggestion, however, was not acted upon.

The villager was released and told to distribute among his fellows a number of copies of the Chinese notice, explaining the action taken. This notice had been specially prepared beforehand and copies were posted in and around the villages destroyed and also given to the villagers who began to return just before the landing parties were leaving. The notice, broadly translated, reads as follows:

This punishment is inflicted on this village on account of repeated piracies of British ships by the inhabitants of this district. If any further piracies are committed by the inhabitants of this region the punishment will be repeated.

HUMOROUS INCIDENTS.

The expedition was not lacking in humorous incidents. At Kwaichau one detonation frightened a number of fowl which took to the air like a covey of partridges and alighted in the sea. Fortunately for them, the water was not deep and all managed to reach shore safely. At Hoichau a naval officer was seen carrying a huge coop of chickens from beside their burning home to the safe precincts of the village temple. (Great care was taken by the landing parties that no damage whatsoever should be done to buildings of a religious character.)

Again a great commotion was caused by the sound of squealing. A party rushed to the rescue only to meet a stalwart marine fondly embracing a half grown pig which he was carrying out of harm's way. Another naval officer was observed carrying a large covered saucepan. When asked whether he was looting he replied indignantly that he was merely going to feed his crew. It appears that this officer had commandeered a sampan manned by three Chinese. In a house he had discovered a pan of cooked rice and vegetables with which dainties he forthwith proceeded to regale his Chinese assistants.

MORE JUNKS DESTROYED.

While the landing parties were engaged in the villages a naval party was detailed to round up and destroy any junks in the Fan Lo Kong inlet. The occupants of these boats were disembarked and then the boats were burned. About seven were found and destroyed. On one junk five rifles were discovered and confiscated.

THE "HERMES."

During the whole operations aeroplanes from the *Hermes* hovered overhead, observing and reporting. Chinese also gathered together slowly on the hills and there were crowds looking on before the work of destruction was completed. Just before the landing parties embarked again a few of these villagers filtered in between the sentries and each was given a copy of the Chinese notice. As stated there was no opposition of any kind. There were no casualties. All the landing parties had reached the ships before 4 p.m. Anchors were weighed and the vessels were in the Hong Kong harbour again at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

The results of the expedition summarised were as follows:

KWAICHAU LANDING PARTY: 40 houses (including matsheds) and between 15 and 20 junks destroyed.
HOICHAU LANDING PARTY: 98 houses (including matsheds) and between 15 and 20 junks destroyed.
IN FAN LO KONG INLET: Eight junks destroyed.
TOTAL: 138 houses and about 40 junks and sampans.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

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Do, O.	£133 nom.
P. & O. Bank	£24 buy.
East Asia Bank	£74 buy.
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North China Ins.	£1.14 nom.
Union Insurance	£22 buy, & sa.
Yangtze Insurance	£2.08 nom.
China Fire Insurance	£205 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	£40 buy.
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Steamboats	£20 sel.
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Indo-China (Prof.)	£30 sel.
Do, (Def.)	£40 buy.
Shell Transport	£54 sel, 53 1/2 sa.
Sugar	£1.14 nom.
Waterboats	£1.14 nom.
China Sugars	£22 sel.
Malayan Sugars	£21 nom.
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Do, (old)	£9 nom.
Do, (new)	£11 sel.
China Rights (combined)	£11 buy.
Do, (old)	£11 nom.
Do, (new)	£10 buy.
China Providents	£3.90 buy.
Constructions	£2.30 nom.
Dairy Farms	£1.14 sel.
Ler A Wings	£5 nom.
H.K. Electric	£55 nom.
Macao Electric	£55 nom.
H.K. Buses (old)	£10 sel.
Do, (new)	£5 sel.
Lane Crawford	£7 buy.
Macintosh	£1.14 nom.
Sincere	£34 buy.
United Ambestos	£20 nom.
Watsons (old)	£124 nom.
Wm. Powells	£83 buy.
Telephones	£3.35 buy.

buy—buyers; sel—sellers; sa—sales; nom—nominal.

EXCHANGE.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

March 24th, 1927.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	111 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	111 9/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	—
Bank Bills, at 6 months sight	111 1/2
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Telegraphic Transfer	131 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	131 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	131 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	131 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days sight	nom.
ON KOWLOON.—	
On demand	28 1/2
On demand	54
On demand	118 1/2
On demand	nom.
On demand	nom.
On demand	82 1/2
Sovereign, Bank's Buying rate	\$9.85
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tola	25 7/16
Silver, per oz.	25 7/16

No. 602 Pte. C. R. M. Young, Reserve Co., from March 19th, 1927, to March 18th, 1928.	
No. 674 Cpl. W. M. Lyons, M.I. Co., is granted sick leave, from March 21st, 1927, till further notice.	
12.—Resignation.	
No. 624 Spr. A. Gray, Engineer Company, is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from March 19th, 1927, on leaving the Colony.	
13.	
In the pamphlet "Programme of Rifle Meeting" under "Definition of Unit," delete the words "and A.C. Section."	
The Mounted Infantry Co. Machine Gunners: Right Sub-section.	
Machine Gunners: Left Sub-section.	
Mobile Column and Drivers, will complete as four separate units.	
R. A. Woods-Munro, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. Hong Kong, March 25th, 1927.	

Programme for the Annual Rifle Meeting, are now ready and can be obtained on application to the Orderly Room, H.K.V.D.C.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

No. 269.

1.—Recruits Parade.

On Tuesday, March 28th, all recruits of the Corps will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Uniform optional, belt, rifle and bayonet.

2.—Lectures.

(a) On Friday, April 1st, at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Lecture on street fighting will be given by the Adjutant. As many members of all ranks and from all units as possible should attend.
(b) On Friday, April 22nd, at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. A lecture on Aerial Survey will be given by O.C. Military Survey Section, Royal Engineers. All ranks are invited to be present.

3.—Signal Class.

Signal Class will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 31st, under 2/Lt. M. G. Noll.

4.—Infantry Company.

Musketry Part I, will be fired by the Company on Sunday, March 27th, at Stonecutters and Peak Ranges. Stonecutters Range: Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. Range Officer: Lieut. E. J. Mitchell. Peak Range: Firing will commence at 9.30 a.m., last tram up 9 a.m. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H. Owen Hughes.

Dress for both ranges: Mufti or uniform optional but belts, braces and pouches must be taken in addition to rifle and bayonet. Arms may be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, March 25th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 26th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5.—Mounted Infantry Company. Monday, March 28th. Parade at Kennedy Road Range at 6.30 p.m. Musketry practice for those firing in Corps Competitions.

Thursday, March 31st. 5.30 p.m. Mounted Parade at Stables for all members, whether they have ponies or not. 6.—Armoured Car Company. Musketry. In connection with the firing of Part I. on Sunday, April 3rd, the following parades will be held: Monday, March 28th, 5.30 p.m., at Corps Headquarters. Thursday, March 31st, 5.30 p.m., at Kennedy Road Range.

Men who have failed to pass Part I. and all recruits must attend these parades in order to qualify for the open range practice. All members must draw their own rifles for these parades. Machine Gunners. Machine Gun Class will be held on Mondays and Thursdays of every week through the summer commencing on Monday, March 28th, at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteers Headquarters. All gunners who have passed Part I. Musketry should attend so that classes can be arranged according to the proficiency of the various members.

All N.C.O.'s are specially required to attend so that they will be in a position to instruct their men and new members. Those prepared to attend should send their names to O.S.M. A. C. Groves, c/o H.K. & S. Bank.

On Wednesday, March 30th. Parades at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Special Class of Machine Gun Instruction under 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock for all members of the Mobile Column, Armoured Car Company. A good attendance is specially requested.

7.—Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies. Musketry Part I. will be fired by the above Companies at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 3rd, 1927.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H. C. Macnamara. As this is the last Sunday allotted to these Companies for Part I., all those who have not fired must endeavour to attend. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. Dress: Uniform or mufti optional but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belts must be taken. Part I. Course must be fired in drill order whether over uniform or mufti. Arms may be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, April 1st, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, April 2nd, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

8.—Scottish Company. Thursday, March 31st, 1927, at 5.30 p.m. No. 5 (Taikoo Platoon) will parade at Taikoo for musketry.

No. 6 (Kowloon Platoon) will parade at Kowloon Docks for musketry.

No. 7 (City Platoon) will parade at Corps Headquarters for Vickers Gun.

Dress for all Platoons: Mufti, rifle and bayonet.

9.—Strength. The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1170 Gnr. C. P. Anderson, Artillery Co., dated March 18th, 1927.
No. 1171 Pte. W. D. Russell, M.I. Co., dated March 21st, 1927.
No. 1172 Pte. A. Garcia, No. 4 Platoon, dated March 21st, 1927.
No. 1173 Pte. M. G. Mills, A.C. Co., dated March 22nd, 1927.
No. 1174 Gnr. G. Fairman, Artillery Co., dated March 23rd, 1927.
No. 1031 Pte. R. MacIntyre is transferred from Mounted Infantry Company to Armoured Car Company, as from February 21st, 1927.
No. 1068 Pte. G. G. Stopani-Thomson is transferred from Mounted Infantry Company to No. 7 Platoon (Scottish Company), as from February 21st, 1927.
The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps: No. 479 Pte. W. J. Clark, A.C. Co., from March 18th, 1927, to March 17th, 1928.
No. 356 Pte. S. E. Garrod, No. 7 Platoon, from April 1st, 1927, to March 31st, 1928.
(Continued on next column.)



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H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

REDMOND ENTERS THIRD ROUND.

FORSTER AND RUSSELL BROWN WIN.

Good progress was made yesterday afternoon in the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tournament.

Col. Russell Brown and Forster replayed their match in the Open Doubles against Owen Hughes and Grimble, which was unfinished the day before. The match went to the full five sets and resulted in a win for the former pair. Owen Hughes and Grimble had the upper hand at the beginning and ran away with the first two sets. The older pair then settled down and by dint of steadier play won the next two sets. In the final set, they led, by three games to love, but Owen Hughes and Grimble equalised. The "veterans," however, secured the next three games and thus won the match.

In the same event Henderson and Brearley did very well in defeating Wahab and Hamid in straight sets. They were 4-1 down in the first set, but pulled up remarkably well, securing the next five games. That seemed to upset the Indian pair who put up little resistance in the second and third sets, being often beaten by shots that fell between them.

Redmond met Hung Hui Chen in the second round of the Open Singles and won after four sets. From the start of the match Redmond brought off some spectacular shots. Both men played a fast game and the standard was sometimes of a high order, but their inconsistency made the match uninteresting to watch. Hung won the third set, by setting down to steady play.

Sewell and Hyde had divided four sets, when falling light prevented further play.

In spite of their handicap, Dr. and Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. Miller and Armstrong in the first round of the Mixed Doubles easily, conceding only one game in each set. Major and Mrs. Stevenson won an interesting match against Dr. and Mrs. Craig in the same event.

The results of yesterday's match follows:—

Open Singles.
F. A. Redmond beat Hung Hui Chen, 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Open Doubles.
Second round.—Colonel Russell Brown and L. Forster beat H. Owen Hughes and E. Grimble, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley beat Y. A. Wahab and S. A. Ismail, 6-4, 8-2, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles.
Dr. R. E. and Mrs. Tottenham (owe 15/3) beat Mrs. Miller and A. J. Armstrong (rec. 15), 6-1, 6-1; Major W. B. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson beat Dr. J. R. Craig and Mrs. Craig (rec. 15), 6-1, 6-2.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Singles.
H. D. Rumbach v. H. Akiyama (2nd round); S. S. Hussain v. W. E. Cornaby (1st round).

Open Doubles.
Rev. F. P. W. Alexander and Major W. B. Stevenson v. Capt. Morris and G. Sturges (2nd round).

Handicap Singles "A."
Major C. Willson (rec. 1/6) v. A. Piercy (rec. 15); R. M. Henderson (owe 2/6) v. T. D. E. Pendered (rec. 4/6).

Handicap Singles "B."
Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1/6) v. D. S. Green (rec. 3/6); R. G. Collis and Dr. C. H. Burton (owe 15/2) v. E. Grimble and H. Owen Hughes (owe 3/6).

GOLF.

ARMY v. CLUB MATCH FIXED.

The match between the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club and the Army Golfing Society has been fixed for April 3rd. Singles, eight a-side, will be played in the morning, and fourballs in the afternoon. The Army Golfing Society is expected to place a strong team in the field. The Club will be represented by T. D. E. Pendered (who will captain the team), L. R. Andrews, F. J. de Rome, L. G. S. Dodwell, W. Douglas, H. V. Sheldon, N. L. Smith and C. C. Stark. Many officers of the Shanghai Defence Force have joined the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club as subscribers.

The third green at Deep Water Bay course is to be re-laid on a slope, as the present green is hollow and holds water. Working on the right of the first green is to be commenced shortly, and alterations to other greens is contemplated.

MONGOLIAN MURDERERS END.

KILLED HIS WHOLE FAMILY.

WOMAN IN THE CASE ALSO SENTENCED.

PEKING, March 11th.

After writing love couplets to his 18-year-old concubine, Po Hsing Ao, convicted of the murder of his mother, wife, elder concubine, son and daughter, dressed himself as a monk in bright satin garments and walked unflinchingly to the hangman's noose in the first model prison, outside of Chien Men yesterday.

The body of the hanged man was claimed later by the father of the woman whom he had loved and carried away outside of An Ting Men.

About two years ago, Po, who was a Mongolian, attempted to bring his beloved into his home as his second concubine. The elder concubine objected.

The Mongolian, it is said, after a furious family quarrel, went out and drank couplets of wine. He then returned to his home and with the aid of his loved one, murdered his entire family with a large knife.

The girl, for her complicity in the crime, has been sentenced to serve a term of life imprisonment in jail.

Before going to his death, Po arrayed himself in a gown of white satin, with a blue collar, shoes of yellow satin and a hat of black satin.

His last request was for permission to write two letters, one to his beloved, the other to her father. He then wrote verse, two couplets, until he was called to his death.—*Chung Mei.*

HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. v. H.K.R.C. "A" TEAM.

This match is to be played at King's Park at 5.15 to-day.

Club "A":—A. Nicholls, L. A. R. Duncan, W. H. Newman, G. R. Rankin, L. M. S. Lloyd, T. W. Scuttham, A. Hunter, L. P. Thomas, J. C. Thomson, B. W. Sampson, Lt. D. M. Bycroft.

Y.M.C.A.:—W. Lockhart-Smith, E. O. Murphy, D. Lyon, J. Gardner, A. A. Dand, L. F. Nicholson, A. May, H. R. Greenhalgh, G. B. Slipper, A. C. Howell, and E. M. Railton.

FOOTBALL.

HONG KONG F.C. RESERVES v. KOWLOON RESERVES.

This game will be played to-morrow on the H.K. Club ground. Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

H.K.C.C.:—Slipper, Hill, Lyon, Vickers, Walls, Punction Hawkes, Thompson, Campbell, Johnston, White. Reserves: Mitchell Howell.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 23rd.

The following football matches were played to-day:—

Division III. (Southern).
Gillingham 2, Bristol R. 0.
Charlton 1, Brighton 0.

Division III. (Northern).
Aston 1, Nelson 1.
Cowdenbeath 1, Rangers 0.

LINCOLN HANDICAP.

THE RESULT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 23rd.

The result of the Lincolnshire Handicap, run at Lincoln to-day, was as follows:—

Priory Park 1
Orlando 2
Asterus and Melon (Dead heat) 3

Thirty ran. Won by a head, one length and half between second and third.

The betting was:—*Priory Park*, 20 to 1; *Orlando*, 100 to 6; *Asterus*, 3 to 1; and *Melon*, 33 to 1.

THE BOAT RACE.

UNLUCKY OXFORD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 23rd.

The Balliol oarsman, T. Pepper-corn, who has filled the vacancy in the Oxford boat caused by the illness of Llewellyn has been forbidden to row by his doctor owing to a boil on the wrist.

P. Johnson, of Magdalen, has been rowing stroke for the past two days.

AT THE QUEEN'S CINEMA.

"HER BIG NIGHT."

A GOOD COMEDY.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

The screen is not usually successful in a comedy which is neither a broad "comic" nor has a leading comic performer. Plays of that kind generally rely on the words to get their effect, but "Her Big Night" showing till Saturday is genuine fun and straight acting. It is the situations which are amusing for the actors are all playing seriously, and this makes it unusually enjoyable. That there is a great appeal in being "ill" with laughter as the saying is, is shown by the popularity of the knock-about hilarians type of film, but although you may enjoy them you soon find such entertainment is tiring. A really good play on the other hand whether tragic or witty, either on the stage or screen, is essentially restful. "Her Big Night" is not a great play, but it is an excellent entertainment, consistently amusing, never objectionable, and the acting is good all through.

Laura La Plante doubles Daphne Dix the film star who disappears at the critical moment of her career, and Francis Macross who takes her place. She is a vivacious and charming actress at her best in a part which calls for smiles and laughter; we hope we shall see her more often in these roles for they suit her better than that of the frightened ingenue in which we have seen her before.

At 2.30 to-day and till Saturday the full Military Band of the R.O.S.B. are playing at the Queen's before the big picture. Of all military music the pipes have a peculiar charm of their own and it is a treat which no lover of "martial strains" should miss.

WATERFRONT NEWS.

VESSELS ARRIVING AFTER 9 A.M. YESTERDAY.

There were seven vessels arriving into the harbour after 9 a.m. yesterday, of which, 5 were British; one American, and one Japanese. They were the following:—

S.S. Kwong Nang (British) from Tsingtao and Swatow, 541 tons general for Hong Kong, and 623 tons for ports.

S.S. Adna (British) from San Pedro and Yokohama, 2,500 tons fuel oil for Hong Kong.

S.S. Aitona (British) from Shanghai, 145 tons general for other ports.

S.S. Janus (British) from Calcutta and Singapore, general cargo (amount not specified).

S.S. Kut Sang (British) from Calcutta and Singapore, 1,174 tons of general for Hong Kong and 454 tons for other ports. Also 324 deck passengers.

S.S. Bearport (American) from San Francisco and Swatow, 2,500 cases gasoline and 2,208 cases asphalt and 50 tons general for Hong Kong, and 500 tons general and gasoline for other ports.

S.S. Akin (Japanese) from Swatow and Canton, sundry cargo (amount not specified).

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	RUPEE, March 24th.
Paris	124
Geneva	25.25
Berlin	20.16
Cairo	18.80
Helsingfors	129
Athens	375
Buenos Aires	47.18
New York	4.85
Amsterdam	12.13
Stockholm	18.13
Vienna	34.52
Madrid	27.24
Bucharest	810
Bombay	1/8 1/4
Brussels	34.94
Milan	108
Copenhagen	18.21
Prague	185
Lisbon	2.17
Rio	5
Yokohama	2/0 1/2
Shanghai	2/5
Hong Kong	1/11
Silver (spot)	25.7
Silver (forward)	25.7

Messrs. James Chambers & Co., Liverpool, acting for the Lancashire Shipping Co., have placed an order with Messrs. Cammell Laird & Co., Birkenhead for the construction of 2 new Diesel-engined motor vessels. These vessels will be completed at the end of this year and are to be placed on the Far Eastern run to New York and Suez. The decision to build faster and better tonnage is the result of the pressing demands made by all shippers in the Far Eastern-New York trade. Messrs. James Chambers & Co. intend to lay down further tonnage which will complete the Service with at least 5 fast new motor vessels.

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW

QUEEN'S

2.30, 5.10, 7.15, & 9.20

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

Afrika (Manners), due April 25th.

Antenor (Blue Funnel), due April 5th.

Arufura (E. & A.), due April 4th.

Benelech (Ben Line), due March 27th.

Carmarthenshire (Jardine), due April 5th.

Changte (B. & S.), due April 8th.

Coblenz (Melchers), due May 4th.

Delta (P. & O.), due March 31st.

Dessau (Melchers), due May 16th.

Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due April 29th.

Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due to-morrow.

Empress of Russia (C.P.R.), due April 8th.

Franken (Melchers), due June 16th.

Fulda (Melchers), due May 31st.

Gambhir (B.I.), due to-morrow.

Glaucus (Blue Funnel), due April 7th.

Glenley (Jardine), due April 14th.

Glenue (Jardine), due March 27th.

Glentara (Jardine), due May 1st.

Haruna Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-day.

Hector (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.

Heisen (Jensen), due April 8th.

Japan (Swed. E.A. Co.), due April 19th.

Jeyapore (P. & O.), due April 12th.

Khiva (P. & O.), due April 14th.

Lahore (P. & O.), due to-morrow.

Ludwigshafen (Melchers), due April 3rd.

Maedonia (P. & O.), due April 1st.

Malwa (P. & O.), due March 31st.

Morea (P. & O.), due March 29th.

Mirzapore (P. & O.), due May 10th.

Nellore (P. & O.), due April 14th.

Oldenburg (Hamburg-Amerika Line), due this afternoon.

President Hayes (D.S. & A.M.L.), due March 28th.

President Jackson (D.S. & A.M.L.), due April 3rd.

President Pierce (D.S. & A.M.L.), due March 28th.

Preussen (Jensen), due May 19th.

St. Albans (E. & A.), due April 1st.

Sarabrucken (Melchers), due April 6th.

Satbangga (J.C.J.L.), due April 8th.

Schwaben (Melchers), due April 21st.

Teesa (B.I. & Apear), due to-day.

Tilava (B.I. & Apear), due March 31st.

Tjapanas (J.C.J.L.), due to-day.

Tjharang (J.C.J.L.), due March 27th.

Tjilhoet (J.C.J.L.), due March 28th.

Tjibodas (J.C.J.L.), due April 7th.

Tjitalak (J.C.J.L.), due March 29th.

Tjissaroa (J.C.J.L.), due April 10th.

Tjissondari (J.C.J.L.), due April 12th.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 24th.			
	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	29.97	29.96	29.93
Temperature	67	64	68
Humidity	65	92	55
Wind—			
Direction	East	E	E
Force	4	3	3
Weather	0	OD	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.01

Highest open-air Temperature, 23rd: 68
Lowest open-air Temperature, 24th: 64

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 25th to 31st, 1927.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Day of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Day of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	25	h. m.	h. m.	Fri.	25	h. m.	h. m.
		1 48	4 1			6 21	3 5
Sat.	26	0 57	8 0	Sat.	26	9 12	2 5
		4 9	3 8			6 37	3 7
Sun.	27	2 18	3 1	Sun.	27	10 58	2 2
		3 19	6 3			7 10	1 7
Mon.	28	7 15	4 1	Mon.	28	0 8	1 7
		4 46	6 5			2 40	1 3
Tues.	29	7 37	4 3	Tues.	29	1 13	1 3
		6 1	8 8			27	3 8
Wed.	30	6 1	8 8	Wed.	30	1 44	4 0
		7 5	7 1			0 43	3 3
Thur.	31	8 31	5 0	Thur.	31	2 21	0 7
		8 1	7 8			1 48	2 2

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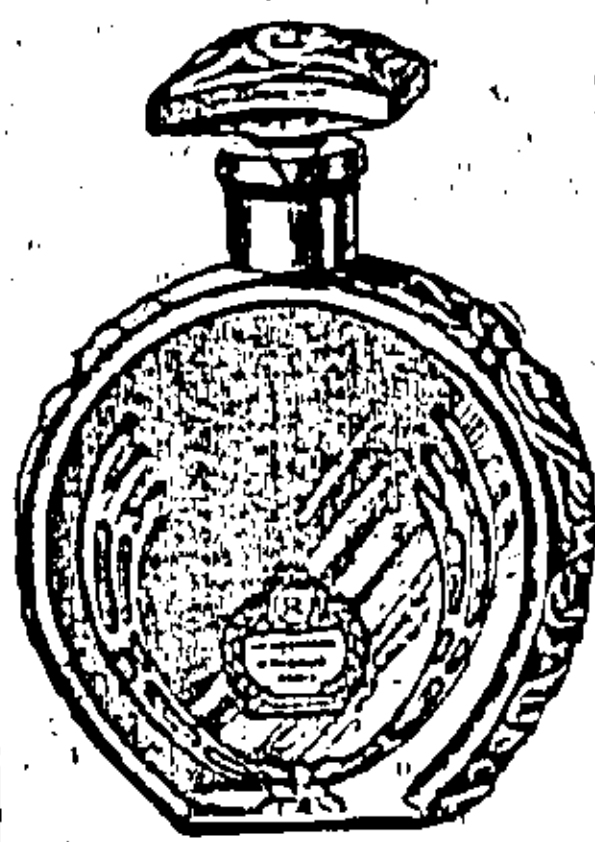
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ROPE COMPANY MEETING.

ENCOURAGING POSITION IN
FACE OF DEPRESSION.

DISTINCT IMPROVEMENT IN
SITUATION.

BETTER HOPES FOR THE
FUTURE.

An encouraging note regarding future prospects was struck by the Chairman in his speech to shareholders at the 43rd ordinary yearly meeting of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd., held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, yesterday morning.

The turnover for the year was slightly larger than for 1925, but is almost the lowest ever recorded, but the position of the Company is considered very hopeful, in spite of political upheavals, depression in shipping and general stagnation of trade throughout the past twelve months, and a prosperous future for the Company is anticipated.

Mr. R. G. Shewan (Chairman) presided, and there were also present Mr. H. P. White, Mr. Allan Cameron and Sir Robert Ho Tung (members of the Consulting Committee), Mr. J. Coulthart (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. A. L. Shields, Allan Keith, W. Gardner, F. J. Tavares, J. Toppin, C. M. Osmund, M. A. Figueiredo and A. A. Botelho.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—

The working account for the year shows a profit of \$83,618.25 as against \$90,478.50 for the previous year, not a great improvement, but it is encouraging in face of the depression in shipping and general stagnation of trade throughout the past twelve months. The turnover for the year, as compared with 1925, is slightly larger but it is almost the lowest we have ever had and we cannot expect to do much better till a general revival in trade sets in.

After providing for interest \$38,373.37, depreciation \$29,909.85 and other charges the net profit is reduced to \$1,197.40 as against \$4,775.90 last year and this is chiefly accounted for by an increase of \$16,312.33 in interest and the falling off in rents collected of \$16,456.95.

The reduction in revenue from house property is, of course, the result of the exodus of Chinese from the Colony. As I told you last year there were only 30 flats occupied at the end of 1925 and this figure slowly fell to 25 in April when a fresh demand set in and gradually increased so that to-day we have 81 flats let bringing up our income for last month (February) to \$1,874—against \$1,020 for the corresponding month of last year—and 31 flats still to let.

These figures owing to the low rents obtainable are, of course, a very poor return on the value of the property but they show a distinct improvement in the situation which we can but hope will continue and improve.

The construction of the new factory at Kowloon is now completed but as there is no pressing necessity to go to the expense of transferring the plant and machinery at Kennedy Town to the new site, we have leased the buildings and land at Ma-tau-kok to the Military Authorities at a figure which will just about cover bank interest on the cost of the property, there is, of course, no question of making a profit but it will help us to meet expenses until conditions of trade improve and better times arrive.

On the whole although the past year has not been a good one for the Company—owing to circumstances beyond our control—the political troubles in China, etc.—I think as regards the future I may say that there are now some signs of improvement but further than that I do not care to go under the present circumstances.

I cannot sit down without recording our deep regret at the loss from our Board of the late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak who always took a warm interest in the business of this Company and whose advice was of great assistance to us. I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed and that the balance of credit of profit and loss account of \$13,976.00 be carried forward to next year's account. When that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any question from shareholders.

Mr. White seconded, and there being no questions, the report was passed unanimously.

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THE BRITISH LEGION.

MEMBERSHIP DWINDLING.

ANNUAL MEETING: FACTS
AND SUGGESTIONS.

The need for bringing the Association more before the public eye was emphasised at the sixth annual meeting of the Hong Kong and China Branch of the British Legion, held last evening at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Mr. A. Murdoch (Chairman of the Branch) presided, and there were also present the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell, Messrs. P. C. Hall, W. Brackenbridge, C. B. Cornaby, A. Piercy, W. G. Joseph, J. Kershaw, C. Fryce and H. J. Pearce.

The Chairman, in referring to the death of Sir Paul Chater, said Sir Paul had always supported the British Legion in a very generous manner.

Referring to the report and accounts, the Chairman said that apart from donations the receipts amounted to only \$600, and had it not been for the generous donation from the Sir Paul Chater Fund they would not have been able to meet the calls on their funds.

Amount Expended.

The annual report showed that the amount expended in relief during 1926 was \$1,541, which was considerably less than the expenditure for the previous year, \$2,403. Donations from the Sir Paul Chater Fund amounted to \$2,632, and from the Hong Kong Boxing Association \$100. There was also a donation from the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Subscriptions amounted to \$335.

The membership, it was regretted, kept gradually dwindling owing chiefly to members being transferred to other ports, and if the Legion was to keep its position in the Colony, strong efforts must be made to enrol new members. This question was one which should be discussed fully by the incoming Committee.

Relief was smaller every year, and the only thing left was to do something for the people at home, such as by organising Poppy Days. Last year's result in this respect was very gratifying, and a total of \$16,087 (or £1,544) was sent home as the result of the Poppy Day Collection, as compared with \$11,007 (or £1,034) in 1925. Of the amount sent home in 1926 the sum of £200 was included from Chefoo. The sum remitted for 1926 was £229 more than in 1925, despite loss on exchange rates.

The Chairman concluded with a further reference to the dwindling membership, and hoped that an effort would be made to get people who had not joined the British Legion to do so.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall, the report and accounts were adopted.

It was decided to send a letter of thanks to the sub-committee who organised Poppy Day Collection and to the Hon. Auditor for dealing with the accounts.

Election of Officers.

The following officers and committee were elected for the ensuing year:—

President, Lt.-Col. G. K. Hall; Brutton; Chairman, Mr. A. Murdoch; Committee, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell, Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Mrs. Bond, and Messrs. G. W. Sewell, F. C. Hall, R. K. Hepburn and J. A. Gordon Leask; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Piercy; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Brackenbridge; Hon. Auditor, Mr. A. Ritchie, C.A.

Need for Members.

A short discussion took place on the question of bringing the local British Legion more before the public. One member humorously suggested that we wanted another war as a means of increasing the membership roll.

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave suggested that a social function might be arranged with a view to bringing in more members.

The Chairman pointed out that the only time the public ever knew there was a local branch of the British Legion was on Armistice Day when they assembled at the Cenotaph.

Mr. Hall mentioned that in due time the British Legion here must die out. The best thing to do, he thought, was to carry on as they were doing, and do what they could in the way of relief, and in sending Poppy Day collections home to Earl Haig's Band.

Other Business.

On the proposition of Mr. Keith, seconded by Mr. Gardner, Sir Robert Ho Tung, and Messrs. H. P. White and Allan Cameron were re-elected as members of the Consulting Committee.

On the position of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Mr. Tavares, Messrs. Lindsay & Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected as auditors.

The Chairman: That is all the business of the meeting. Gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance.

"VIA SIBERIA."

MAILS NOT TOUCHING
SHANGHAI.

BEING SENT TO OTHER PORTS.

Mails marked "via Siberia" are now being sent from Hong Kong to Taingtau, Tientsin, Port Arthur or Japan, instead of to Shanghai. This course has been adopted by the local postal authorities in view of the Shanghai postal strike.

In the event of ports in China being used, the mail will be forwarded from there to Harbin and connect with the trans-Siberian railway; in the event of ports in Japan, the Japanese authorities will co-operate in despatching the mail to Tauraga where there is a direct steamer service to Vladivostok. The Japanese have co-operated in similar manner before in times of emergency.

There should be little delay in the Siberian mail in consequence and no additional risk although, even if there were a risk, it is one of the penalties of the quicker service given by the trans-Siberian rail route.

If the mails from Hong Kong connect in good time to the steamer service from Japan to Vladivostok and this in turn connects in good time with the train route, there might even be a saving of time on the normal Siberia via Shanghai route.

The public can rest assured that the mails will be despatched and will get through. The superscription of various routes will not help the postal authorities. "Via Siberia" will suffice.

A HEADLONG PLUNGE.

NASTY MOTOR ACCIDENT AT
UN LONG.

DRIVERS' PLUCKY ESCAPE.

Plunging headlong over an embankment, a motor car was smashed against a tree, but the driver was fortunate enough to escape with a severe shaking.

The accident occurred near the Pingshan Police Station on the main road in the Un Long district, on Wednesday afternoon.

The road is narrow and just allows two cars to pass. A lorry was pulled up outside the station, and another lorry was manoeuvring to pass, leaving half a car's breadth between it and the side of the road overlooking a low embankment.

Everything would have been right had not a motor car, which evidently did not notice the stationary lorry, attempted to pass the moving truck on the offside. The motor car jammed against the truck and the force of the impact caused the car to break through the concrete railing and plunge headlong down the embankment, where it struck a tree.

While in mid-air, the driver had the presence of mind to jump off the car before the final crash, otherwise he would have been seriously hurt if not killed outright. He, however, escaped without injury.

TO-NIGHT'S ORGAN RECITAL.

INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL
CONTRIBUTIONS.

In aid of the Organ Fund there will be another organ recital at St. John's Cathedral this evening by Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., the Cathedral Organist, who will be assisted by Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy (soprano). The recital begins at 5.45.

The programme will be as under:

Prelude, From First Suite Borowski.

Evening Songs Bairstow.

Choral Preludes:—

(a) "O world, I've seen must leave thee" Brahms.

(b) "The people that in darkness sat a glorious light have seen" Parry.

Soprano Solo—

"Hear my prayer" Mendelssohn.

Marche Solennelle Tchaikowsky.

Soprano Solo—

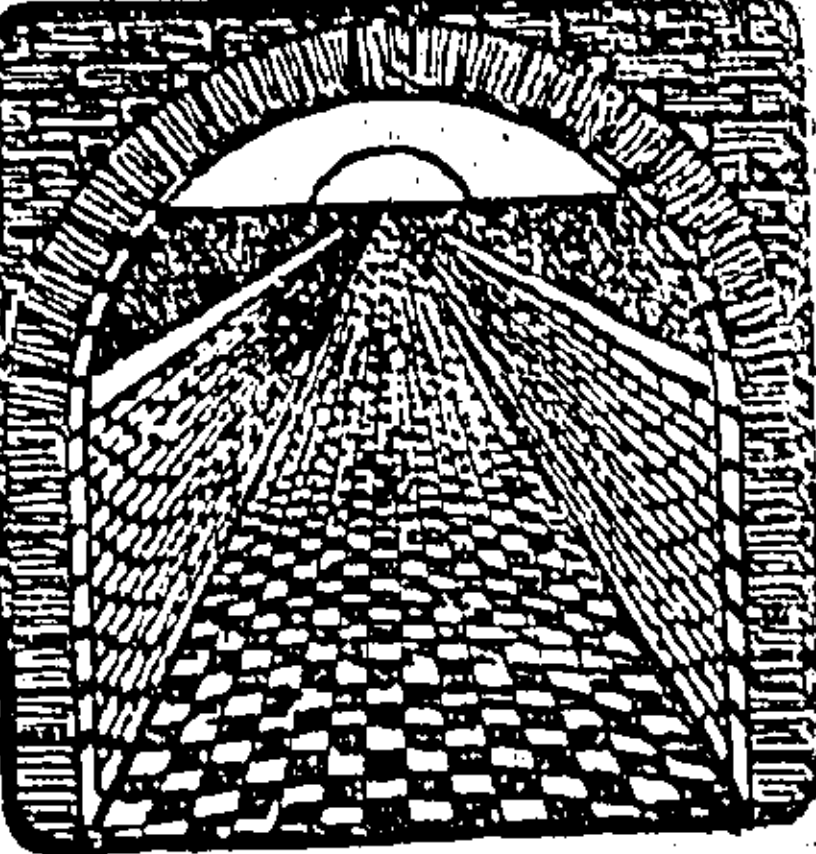
"How beautiful are the feet" Handel.

Meditation d'Evry.

Minuet, From Gothic Suite Boellmann.

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THE PAST WEEK HAS BEEN FULL OF EXCITING HAPPENINGS AND THE **HONG KONG WEEKLY PRESS**, PUBLISHED TO-DAY, SHOULD BE KEPT AS A PERMANENT RECORD OF EVENTS WHICH MAY WELL MARK A TURNING POINT IN CHINA'S ASSOCIATION WITH THE FOREIGN POWERS.

Shanghai has been captured by the Nationalists and, for a day or two the hordes of undisciplined soldiers, defeated and not knowing which way to turn, were a grave menace to the safety of the International Settlement.

Fortunately British statesmen had foreseen the danger and guarded against it. The presence of the Shanghai Defence Force saved the situation as far as foreigners were concerned. British policy was vindicated.

All the details are recorded in the **HONG KONG WEEKLY PRESS** which should be mailed to friends at Home. They will be anxious to know what happened and how British residents are faring.

In this week's issue the full report is also given of the "Hop Sang" piracy—the latest outrage of the group of criminals who make Bias Bay their headquarters.

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GOOD BUSINESS WITH BAD ENDING.

NOVEL WAY OF GETTING RID
OF SPURIOUS MONEY.

"RICH CUSTOMER" AND
EAGER MERCHANT.

When a well-dressed Chinese walked into the Chan On Hing foreign goods store on Wednesday, the master of the shop was all attention and scenting a big order, he was not slow to display the very best of his stock.

The master of the shop was not wrong and the big order was eventually given. Selecting a varied assortment of first-class nice goods, of a total value of \$519, the customer, with the utmost sang froid, said, "Deliver these to my house at No. 198, Praya East, and I'll pay on delivery."

The polite shop-keeper bowed and said, "Alright, Sir San (Mister), the goods will be sent promptly,

and please come again if you wish anything more."

The customer left and the master of the shop packed the goods and sent his favourite foki to deliver them. This was done and the customer paid with one \$500 note and \$19 in notes of smaller denomination.

The foki returned with smiles on his face, and was received by the master of the shop with a broader smile. The money was carefully taken out of the purse tied securely round the man's waist and duly counted. The shop-keeper rubbed his hands and patted the honest foki's back.

Then he took the \$500 in his hand to examine it, and disillusionment came when he found that it was worth exactly the value of the paper on which it was printed.

Flushing post haste to the opulent customer's house, with the foki as a guide, all the while swearing vengeance on his deceiver he eventually reached there to find it empty and everyone decamped.

Straight to the Police he went and in his report he had to admit that the trick had succeeded only too well.

TEN MILLIONS WANTED.

A CONFERENCE AS HOW TO RAISE IT.

RECRUITS IN RAGS.

ACTRESSES TO FORM A UNION.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

General Li Tsai Hsin, General Officer Commanding the Troops in Canton, has intimated to his friends that he is not departing from his alliance with General Chiang Kai Shek. Some "Reds" are trying to make the public think that General Li is with them in opposing the moderates.

While the "Reds," or Left Wing, of the Kuomintang in Canton are asking for the return of Mr. Wang Ching Wei, a former leader, to power, the moderates, or Right Wing, have begun to move for the re-admission of Mr. Hu Han Min, to party politics.

The Canton Ministry of Finance are now having a conference with the district magistrates and are instructing them how best to raise \$10,000,000 within the next two months to meet the expenses of the Northern Expedition.

Recruits for the new Kwangtung Local Defence Army of 12,000 strong are arriving at Canton daily from Kwangai and the Southern Districts of Kwangtung, where many of the inhabitants are glad to enlist in order to escape starvation. Most of the recruits are in rags, and many Chinese are asking what will become of these men when it is found that the local war-chest cannot provide sufficient for their food, and clothing.

Until the Authorities in Canton are able to afford merchants protection against labour tyranny, the Rice Guild in the Southern Capital will transact no more business, as far as imports are concerned. This is the latest decision of the Guild in reply to demands of the transportation coolies for higher wages. The Rice Guild merchants hold that they are free to employ anyone they like to work cargo from steamers bringing in rice. They deny the claim of the Pok Tsui Stevedores' Union that its members alone should unload cargo from foreign vessels.

The Kwangtung Section of the Canton-Hankow Railway is considering reducing its tariff by 20 per cent. The present freight rates are very high, being 120 to 130 per cent. more than those in existence before the return of the Kuomintang to power in Canton. The line was confiscated by the Kuomintang early in January, 1927.

Actresses in Canton will form a union under the auspices of the women's division of the Kuomintang Political Party.

Electric Light.

Our Shamen correspondent writes: "I was wrong yesterday in reporting that the electric light had been cut off from the French hospital. It was the French doctor's house in Shamen where the current was stopped."

The Dismissal of Fok's Decision.

The Kuomintang Provincial Executive Committee in Canton has officially upheld the contention of the merchants that they may appoint or dismiss employees without giving a reason at least once a year. The Committee has named the second day of the Chinese New Year according to the usual custom, but states that a dismissed employee is entitled to two months' pay as compensation. To placate the labour union leaders it has been decided to exempt union officials, including those who have held office within the past twelve months, from this ruling. Further concessions to the labourers include that only union men may be appointed to vacancies.

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CANTON "REDS" AND BIAS BAY.

ANGRY AND CONSULTING HANKOW.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

The British naval expedition against Bias Bay formed the chief topic of discussion in "Red" circles in Canton yesterday. Many "Red" leaders were, of course, declaring that British Naval and Police Authorities undertaking the expedition without the co-operation of Canton meant a loss of "face" to the Kuomintang and "if permitted to go on," would enable the "Imperialists" to invade Chinese territory under the pretext of piracy prevention. It is believed, however, that the "Reds" will let the whole thing drop unless supported by their superiors in Hankow to whom they are sending their version of the incident.

THE ARMS ON THE "HOP SANG."

FULL LIST GIVEN.

TEN ENGINE ROOM HANDS IN CUSTODY.

The following is the complete list of the arms smuggled in the stokehold of the s.s. Hop Sang, and which were overlooked by the pirates when they seized the ship on its way down from Swatow. Ten of the engine-room hands, it is learned, are now in custody pending investigation.

The haul was as follows:—
20 Lewis guns.
9 revolvers.
1 pistol.
18,800 rounds of rifle ammunition.
250 rounds of revolver ammunition.
100 rounds of automatic ammunition.
25 drums of Lewis gun ammunition.
and
3 tripods for Lewis guns.

RAID ON SAMPAN.

ALLEGED ROBBERS WHO HAD A WETTING.

The four Chinese alleged to have committed a robbery on a sampan at Causeway Bay on March 15th, were brought before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday on remand.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared on behalf of the first defendant and the third defendant was represented by Mr. A. J. O'Donoghue. Sub-insp. Andrews of the Water Police Station prosecuted.

It will be recalled that a gang, armed with daggers and choppers, boarded a sampan at Causeway Bay. After searing the occupants into silence, they stole a pair of gold bangles some clothing and departed on a small boat which was waiting for them. Before they could reach shore, their boat capsized. Meanwhile a police whistle was being blown by the daughter of the sampan. The men were eventually fished out by the crew of a launch which happened to pass by.

Several witnesses gave evidence at yesterday's hearing, and the case was again adjourned.

Several improvements to the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway are "promised" as a result of its being taken into joint management with the Canton-Samshui Line. In addition to the restoration of two express trains a third class fare between Canton and Kowloon to a dollar. It is known that, unless something is done, the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Line will soon be bankrupt. Since the resumption of the Canton-Hong Kong traffic by water, after the ending of the anti-British boycott, the daily receipts of the line have shrunk to less than \$3,000 daily. The reduction of fares by the Canton-Hong Kong river steamers has further affected the revenue of the line.

Too Tired.

Canton was newspaperless last on Thursday, Wednesday having been occupied by a "Red" demonstration demanding the return of Mr. Wang Ching Wei to power. Many printers took part and they were "too tired" to set up the type for the next morning's paper.

Canton journalists have just presented a series of demands to their employers asking for higher wages and better service conditions. General Chien Ta Chun, formerly Chief of Canton Police, now Garrison Commissioner at Canton, a loyal follower of General Chiang Kai Shek, has received order to proceed North joining the proposed expedition against Peking. He will take his division, about 4,000 men, North early in April.

DEFENCE FORCE MOVEMENTS.

THE "ARGUS" DEPARTS FOR SHANGHAI.

DETAILS OF THE MILITARY FORCES STILL HERE.

8th DESTROYER FLOTILLA EXPECTED TO-DAY.

The aircraft carrier H.M.S. Argus left here for Shanghai on Wednesday evening, and later the same evening the 1st Devonshire Regiment left for the Northern port on the Herminius, where they will complete the 14th Brigade.

The complement of the two recently arrived batteries of field artillery have taken up quarters in the Rope factory, Kowloon.

Now that the 1st Devons have left for Shanghai, the units of Infantry now in Hong Kong, attached to the Shanghai Defence Corps (i.e., exclusive of South China Command) are as follows:—
1st Batt. Green Howards (Lt.-Col. H. W. McCall, C.M.G., D.S.O.).
1st Batt. Cameronians (Lt.-Col. E. B. Ferrers, D.S.O.).
1st Batt. Border Regiment (Lt.-Col. G. H. Harrison, D.S.O.).
1st Batt. Middlesex Regiment (Lt.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E.).

The 4th Pack Brigade of the Royal Artillery is also here, comprising the 15th, 20th, and 21st Pack Batteries.

Other units are No. 7 General Hospital (at the Diocesan Boys' School, Kowloon) and No. 12 Field Ambulance (mobile) less one company, at King's College, Bonham Road. There are also detachments of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps and the Military Foot Police.

A store is contemplated, for the sale of sports gear, at No. 60, Nathan Road, Kowloon, the premises belonging to the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.

The departure of the Devons will complete the 14th Infantry Brigade and the 20th Indian Infantry Brigade at Shanghai, leaving the 13th Brigade here (comprising the four battalions mentioned above).

Colonel W. A. Blake, C.M.G., D.S.O. (who was made temporary Colonel Commandant on being appointed to the command, December 15th, 1926) is the 13th Brigade Commander. Officers on his staff are:—
Brigade Major: Captain A. G. Barry, D.S.O., M.C., Royal Tank Corps.
Staff Captain: Lt. C. E. Kendall, R.A.
Special Appointment: Lt. J. B. Chillingworth, R.A.

Destroyer Flotilla.

The 8th Destroyer Flotilla, detached from the Atlantic Fleet is expected to arrive in Hong Kong to-day.

The Flotilla comprises:—
H.M.S. Bruce, Flotilla Leader of 1,800 tons, carrying five 4.7 guns and three anti-aircraft guns. Commanded by Lt.-Comdr. J. P. White, D.S.C.

H.M.S. Sepoy (Lt.-Comdr. A. L. Pears).

H.M.S. Seraph (Lt.-Comdr. G. M. Crockett).

H.M.S. Serapis (Comdr. L. D'O. Biggs).

H.M.S. Sirdar (Lt.-Comdr. C. G. N. Graham).

H.M.S. Somme (Lt.-Comdr. F. S. W. de Winton).

H.M.S. Sterling (Lt.-Comdr. S. H. T. Arliss).

H.M.S. Stormcloud (Lt.-Comdr. P. H. G. James).

H.M.S. Thetis (Lt.-Comdr. R. Nash, D.S.C.).

All the above seven destroyers are of 1,075 tons and carry three 4-inch guns.

Capt. M. R. J. Maxwell Scott, D.S.O. who was recently on the West River, is in command of the flotilla. The two commanders who will lead the divisions of the flotilla are Comdr. P. R. Percival and Comdr. H. E. Shepp.

Comdr. Percival, who commands the 15th division from the Serapis, was promoted in December, 1922.

Previously he was in charge of the Yankin of the fourth division, second flotilla, Mediterranean. In the war he commanded the destroyers Mermaid and Morris and won the D.S.O.

Comdr. Shepp, who was promoted a year ago, is in the Thetis of the 16th division of the 8th Flotilla. Previously he was captain of the Stronghold and Winchester, tenders of the Vernon Torpedo School. He had the command of destroyers in the war, including the Arno, Onslaught and Noble, and was also second in command of the cross-channel steamer Queen Victoria, which laid wire nets at high speed off Ostend in April, 1915, and later at the Dardanelles.

H.M.S. Enterprise arrived in harbour from the North on Wednesday. It is understood she is shortly to sail again, this time South.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

SECOND "SUNNING" PIRACY TRIAL CONCLUDED.

TWO REMAINING PRISONERS TO BE HANGED.

The trial of the two remaining prisoners charged with complicity in the piracy of the China Navigation Company steamer Sunning, while she was on a voyage from Amoy to Hong Kong on November 15th, last year, was concluded at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, before the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood).

Following addresses for the defence and Crown, His Lordship summed up at length, and after a retirement of just over ten minutes, the jury returned a verdict of "Guilty" against each man, and His Lordship, donning the black cap, pronounced sentence of death.

Further evidence of identification was given at the morning hearing. Mr. H. K. Holmes (Crown Solicitor) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster defended the prisoners.

Lieut. E. W. Thruster, of H.M.S. Bluebell, who went on board the Sunning with an armed party of marines, said that thirteen Chinese were handed over to his charge. The second prisoner was one of those men.

Surgeon Lieut. W. J. Rankine, also of the Bluebell, said that after leaving the Sunning, the Bluebell sighted a rowing boat in which were ten men. Nine of them climbed on to the Bluebell by means of a rope ladder, but the tenth jumped into the sea and was lost, although efforts were made to save him. No. 1 prisoner was one of the nine, and had been wounded in the neck.

Replying to Mr. Alabaster witness said the first prisoner had only \$1 on him when searched. He had been wounded in the back of the neck.

Mr. F. E. Ellis, Master at Arms on board H.M.S. Bluebell, said he took a fully loaded revolver, and some loose ammunition from the boat. There were about four hundred coins in the bottom of the boat. He could not identify either of the prisoners.

Prisoners' Statements.

Statements made by the prisoners when charged were read by a sergeant interpreter. No. 1 was stated to have said he travelled as a passenger and was struck by the pirates, out of revenge as he had previously raided their den and killed some of their men. The second stated he was returning to the country after an unsuccessful effort to find his son.

Mr. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, gave evidence of identification parades being held when both prisoners were picked out. He said the two men were among those handed to him from the Bluebell.

Statements made by the prisoners at the Central Magistracy were then read in which No. 1 said he had been wrongly identified, and added that he took no part in the piracy. In his statement the second prisoner also denied that he took part in the affair.

Address to the Jury.

Addressing the jury, Mr. Alabaster, referring to the first prisoner, said the evidence was almost as weak as it possibly could be against this man. With regard to identification he said that this man had an old scar. Not one of the large number of witnesses available to the police had noticed a man with a scar. He submitted that it was entirely unsafe to convict a man on uncorroborated evidence of identification. The man had told his story to the effect that in 1925 he was one of a party of soldiers who made an anti-piracy raid, and that he had killed pirates in that expedition.

With regard to the second prisoner, Mr. Alabaster contended that the evidence of identification was not so overwhelming as it looked on the face things. This man was lying on the deck for a considerable time, and those on board the ship had ample opportunity of seeing him, and it was perhaps suggested that he was a pirate because he was wounded.

Mr. Holmes also addressed the jury at length and generally reviewed the evidence.

His Lordship summed up and directed the jury, who then retired.

The Sentence.

After the jury had returned a verdict of "guilty" against each prisoner, His Lordship donned the black cap and pronounced sentence of death. In doing so he said that he was satisfied that the verdict of the jury was a right one. It had been proved that prisoners were members of this pirate gang, who, when they could not keep control of the ship without resistance, fired at the officers and set fire to the steamer.

Prisoners heard their sentences calmly without any noticeable movement of their features. They were immediately removed from the dock by warders and taken back to Victoria Gaol, where they will be executed in due time.

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The Story.

The story is that Ralph Rackstraw, a foremast hand loves the Captain's daughter, but gives up the quest as hopeless until inspired by the First Lord's ideas of equality. Backed by the crew, he approaches Josephine who when he threatens to shoot himself tells him that she loves him. An elopement is arranged, but the Captain is informed by Dick Deadeye and stops the happy pair as they are about to leave the ship.

Sir Joseph appears on deck just in time to hear the Captain swearing and sends him to his cabin in disgrace. Then finding that his proposed fiancée is in love with Ralph, orders the latter to the ship's luncheon. Little Buttercup, however, spoils all this by stating that, as a baby farmer she changed the Captain and Ralph over in babyhood, and that the Captain is Ralph, and Ralph is the Captain. The First Lord takes Cousin Hebe, the Captain, takes Buttercup, Ralph gains his love, and all ends happily.

A Strong Cast.

The part of Sir Joseph Porter is taken by Mr. A. J. Brock, who has already distinguished himself here in the Henry Lytton parts of the Lord Chancellor ("Loishe") and the Major-General ("The Pirates of Penzance"). Mr. R. M. Keown is Capt. Gorcoran, Ralph is taken by Mr. D. M. Richards, and there are newcomers in Mr. C. P. Marcel, Rev. N. V. Halward, and Mr. R. Dornier who play Dick Deadeye, the Boatwain's Mate, and the Carpenter's Mate respectively. The busy little Middy is portrayed by Teddy Bullock who is following in his father's footsteps, while the part of Josephine is taken by Mrs. C. P. Marcel, a soprano who has not hitherto been heard in the Colony. Mrs. J. Hollidge as Cousin Hebe has a small but effective part, while Mrs. G. Watt's fine contralto voice be heard as Mrs. Gripps, or Little Buttercup, the Portsmouth Bumbast Woman.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" is to be produced on Friday, April 1st, and for five subsequent performances concluding on Saturday, April 9th. These include a matinee on Wednesday, April 5th, at which children are admitted at half price to all seats.

Booking plans are now open at Anderson's Music Store, and judging by the experience of the "Pirates," when all seats for the last two performances were booked up some days beforehand, our readers should lose no time. Prices are at popular rates, soldiers and sailors in uniform being admitted to the \$1 and \$2 seats at half price.

AN INCORRIGIBLE TOUT.

ARRESTED TWICE IN ONE NIGHT.

When a Chinese was charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday with toutting for motor-car hire, he had the doubtful honour of being claimed by two Police officers as being their prisoner.

Sergeant Dixon claimed the man as his, and an Indian Traffic Sergeant said that he arrested the man. This caused some confusion, and the Magistrate could not decide whose prisoner he was. The matter was eventually made right by the defendant's admission that he had been arrested twice that night and on each occasion he gave a different name.

Defendant said that he was first arrested by the Indian sergeant in Pedder Street. He bailed himself out with \$10 and went back to tout again, thinking that he would make enough to pay his fine the next day. He was, however, unlucky enough to run across Sergeant Dixon and he was arrested a second time. This time he did not have any money to pay bail and was locked up for the night.

Defendant was fined \$10 for each offence, with the alternative of 14 days' hard labour.

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BRITISH AND AMERICANS KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED AT NANKING: H.M. CONSUL AMONG THE WOUNDED.

AMERICANS AND BRITISH KILLED AND WOUNDED AT NANKING.

BRITISH CONSUL AMONG THE WOUNDED.
BRITISH AND AMERICAN WARSHIPS IN ACTION.

STRUGGLE BETWEEN MODERATES AND "REDS" AT SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI PROCLAMATION TO RESIDENTS: JAPANESE MINISTER SUGGESTS "PEACE."
MARSHAL CHANG TSO LIN AGREES.

Tragic events have happened at Nanking, following upon the entrance into that city of the victorious Southerners. It is reported that several Americans have been killed and wounded and also that one Briton has been killed and two wounded. Only the name of the British victim is given, namely, Dr. Smith, and it is stated that Mr. B. Giles, the British Consul at Nanking is also among the wounded.

It seems that some of the Cantonese "irregulars" got out of hand and began firing at the foreigners who had taken refuge on a hill after having found it advisable to evacuate from their homes. H.M.S. *Emerald* and the American destroyers *Nova* and *Preston* were compelled to shell the area around the hill, so as to permit evacuation, after which the vessel landed armed parties.

The city was looted, including the British Consulate, while the American Consul and staff found it necessary to evacuate their Consulate and take refuge with other foreigners on a hill near the North Gate.

At Shanghai a big struggle is anticipated soon between the Moderates and the "Reds" among the Southerners.

A Chinese report to hand informs us that the Japanese Minister at Peking has proposed "peace" to Marshal Chang Tso Lin and has also suggested that he should send an "adviser" to General Chiang Kai Shek with a similar proposal. Marshal Chang is stated to have acquiesced.

Meanwhile, though the General Strike has been "called off," the call does not appear to have met with a hearty response, thus indicating that the "Red" element holds considerable power over Shanghai's masses.

BRITISH SUBJECT KILLED AND H.M. CONSUL WOUNDED.

TWO MORE BRITONS BELIEVED WOUNDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 24th. A wireless message from Nanking states that Chinese troops, believed to be Cantonese irregulars, shelled the hill near the North Gate of the City, where the foreigners had concentrated, killing a British subject named Dr. Smith, wounding H.M. Consul, Mr. B. Giles, and also another British subject.

[Mr. Bertram Giles, C.M.G., has been in the Consular service in China since 1884, and has served in various Treaty Ports. He is a son of the famous sinologist, Professor H. A. Giles.]

Warships in Action.

H.M.S. *Emerald* and the American destroyers *Nova* and *Preston* shelled the area around the hill to permit evacuation after which the vessels landed armed parties.

Further wireless reports state that another British subject was wounded.

Looting.

Undisciplined Cantonese troops have looted the city and the British Consulate has also been looted. The American Consul and staff have evacuated their Consulate and taken refuge on the hill.

NUMBER OF AMERICANS ALSO KILLED: ALSO SOME WOUNDED.

LATER

(Received at Midnight).

A number of Americans have also been killed at Nanking by the shelling and also some wounded.

SOCONY STEAMER FIRED ON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 24th. The Standard Oil Co.'s steamer *Mei An* was yesterday fired on at Kiangying, the first fort up the Yangtze and later was fired on by the Northerners at Chinkiang prior to their retreat. The *Mei An* was forced to return to Shanghai.

THE COMMUNISTS AND MODERATES.

BIG STRUGGLE ABOUT TO BEGIN.

MORE COMMUNIST CALUMNIES AGAINST THE BRITISH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 24th. The decision to call off the strike was the result of pressure by Pai Shung Shi. However, at noon today the mill-workers, tramwaymen, railwaymen, Post Office workers, and Customs-men are still out and only a few hundred seamen have returned.

What promises to be a big struggle between the Moderates and the Communists has begun in Shanghai. Well-organized and backed as they are by the Political Bureau, the Communists are in a strong position, and it seems doubtful whether Pai Shung Shi will be able to control them. They are already adopting Hankow methods with regard to the organisation of demonstrations.

Yesterday a huge demonstration was whipped up at Chapei with the object of adopting "Anti-Imperialist" resolutions. These demanded, *inter alia*, that the Nationalist Government obtain the return of the International and French Settlements of Shanghai and the withdrawal of troops and warships.

The organisers of the demonstration arranged a procession and distributed a manifesto and handbills. The former alleges that the British are really responsible for the sacking, burning and murders at Chapei, because had they not given refuge to the Shantung General, Pi Shou Chen, the latter would have been able to order the Shantung troops to keep quiet.

In connection with this shameful and hurtful allegation, the facts are, firstly, that the Settlement Authorities could not refuse entrance to Pi Shou Chen who was unarmed and had "retired." They have always admitted the unarmed. Secondly, British officials and soldiers, namely, the Consul-General, Sir Sidney Barton, Commissioner-General, Major Hilton Johnson, Viscount Gort and Col. Heywood, all risked their lives in order to bring about a stoppage of the sacking at Chapei, this being the object of Sir S. Barton's and Viscount Gort's mission to Chapei. Similarly, it was the object of that of Major Hilton Johnson and Colonel Heywood.

Nevertheless, thanks to Communist propaganda, tens of thousands of Chinese to-day regard the British as being more or less responsible for the happenings at Chapei.

A SHANGHAI PROCLAMATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 24th. The Shanghai Municipal Council to-night issued a proclamation requiring residents to remain indoors between 10 at night and four in the morning.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS. THREE MORE ORDERED TO GO TO SHANGHAI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MANILA, March 24th. The U.S. warships, *Pillsbury*, *Ford* and *Ferry*, have been ordered to proceed to Shanghai immediately.

JAPANESE MINISTER SUGGESTS PEACE.

CHANG TSO LIN AGREES.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

PEKING, March 24th. The Japanese Minister has suggested to Marshal Chang Tso Lin that he should make peace with the Southerners. Marshal Chang is reported to have agreed to the suggestion. The Japanese Minister also proposes to send a Japanese adviser to interview General Chiang Kai Shek on the subject.

PEKING STUDENTS TO BE ARRESTED.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 24th. The Peking Government has ordered the arrest of "more than 40 students" in the eight Government-financed Universities, alleging that they are "Reds." The Chancellors of those Universities are tendering their resignations unless the arrested are released.

A SOUTHERN VICTORY IN ANHUI.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 24th. It is reported that Pangpu, an important city in Anhui, has fallen to the Southerners, led by General Li Chang Jen, who has arrived there to direct military movement.

THE NORTHERN TROOPS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 24th. After losing Shanghai, General Chang Tsung Chang decided to establish his headquarters at Haichow, and he has ordered all his troops to concentrate there.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF SHANGHAI'S NATIVE CITY.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 24th. A Provisional Municipal Government at Shanghai functioned on the 23rd inst., and many resolutions were passed at a committee meeting on the same day. The effect that an order should be issued to call off the general strike and, also, in the name of the Municipal Government, General Pai Shung Shi be appointed as temporary Military Officer handling military affairs at Shanghai.

It was also decided to appoint Messrs. Pai Shung Shi, Niu Yung Chien, Yuang Hang Fat, Wong Hew Lai and Wang Sui Wah as members of the Executive Committee.

SHANGHAI'S CHAOS.

LONDON NEWSPAPER'S COMMENT ON THE SITUATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 24th. The *Daily Telegraph* is of opinion that in view of the chaotic circumstances in Shanghai there is plain wisdom in the argument advanced in the Municipal Council's manifesto against any drastic change in the administration of the Settlement at present. The paper thinks that an error was made at Hankow in immediately negotiating with the Cantonese before calm had been restored. This should not be repeated at Shanghai. All available evidence suggests that the Hankow Agreement is completely worthless as a guarantee of security and fair treatment for British nationals.

LORD DESBOROUGH'S REFERENCE TO CHINA.

FURTHER DETAILS OF HIS SPEECH IN THE LORDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 24th. The official verbatim report of Lord Desborough's speech, in the House of Lords on the 23rd instant, contains a reference to China. His Lordship referred to the outcome to the statement on British policy in China on December 16th last calling other parties of the Washington Treaty to combine with Britain to try to come to some arrangement with China on very liberal lines. Unfortunately, it was found impossible to proceed "as it is very difficult to get eleven different nations to agree on one course of policy, and there the matter remains."

The British Government then took more active steps on its own behalf, and addressed specific proposals on January 27th to Peking and Hankow with the object of making an arrangement on the various questions outstanding. That declaration of policy and these offers were productive of some result, for at Hankow an arrangement was reached. The terms are still open for Mr. Eugene Chen, to whom this was addressed, to make an arrangement of a similar kind at Shanghai, and we only hope that it may have this result.

"At present the whole of China is in a state of disintegration that I suppose the hands of Mr. Chen are very fully occupied. The Government will still hope that some arrangement, on the liberal lines they proposed then, may be come to."

BRITISH OVERSEAS BANKERS.

LORD BIRKENHEAD ON CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 23rd. Presiding at the annual dinner of the British Overseas Banks' Association, in London, Mr. H. D. C. Jones, Chairman of the Association, referring to China, hoped that it was not in vain that Britain had extended the hand of friendship and conciliation to China.

He firmly believed that when the internal strife had ended, the expansion of British trade with China would be unparalleled. Any subsequent treaty revision should embody that security for lives and property in treaty ports which foreigners might reasonably look for and on which they understood that Japan at any rate would insist.

Lord Birkenhead, responding to the toast of his health, referred to China. He said he discerned little prospect, momentarily, of a complete liquidation of the situation, which must precede the restoration of normal conditions. He knew of nobody, however, experienced in Chinese affairs, who would venture to attempt a clear and confident prediction regarding what was likely to happen in China during the next few years, the next few months or even the next few weeks. It was known, of course, that there is behind the recent disturbances—and particularly the menacing movement in the Nationalist Armies—elements not native to China which had little in common with the ancient philosophic spirit of China and still less with its practical spirit of commercial common-sense. We could only wait patiently until some power emerged competent to speak for China as a whole. We had invested in China vast sums which have been not less fruitful to China than to English investors. We have gone further than any nation in the world, which had commitments comparable with ours, in showing that we are willing to admit modifications of our treaty rights, which are greatly prejudicial because we realised that if it was a new and genuinely awakened spirit in China neither common-sense nor prudence dictated insistence upon the rigid adherence to the letter of our treaties. We undertook a greater degree of self-sacrifice than any nation in the world and, in return, we almost alone have been pursued by insensate and destructive malignity to which no other nation has been exposed.

After criticism of the Labour party's opposition to the despatch of forces to China, Lord Birkenhead said the Government were satisfied that there was no other course open to them. He concluded by believing that education and the sophistication of China would ultimately triumph, and then nobody would be more willing to help the Chinese than Britons.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI'S Strike "Called Off."

SHANGHAI, March 24th. The General Strike has been called off to-day.

Foreign Consul's Confer With Southern General.

SHANGHAI, March 24th. The British, French and Japanese Consuls-General have succeeded this morning in getting into touch with Pai Shung Shi, the Commander of the Nationalist Forces, and have thus at length established official contact between foreign authorities and the Shanghai Nationalist forces.

General Pai Shung Shi affirmed his intention to protect foreign life and property and to suppress violence and disorder.

American Consul's Position.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 24th. The failure of the American Consul-General at Shanghai to participate in the discussions with Pai Shung Shi is not construed here as indicating American unwillingness to deal with the *de facto* authorities. It is recalled that, on the contrary, Mr. Kellogg some weeks ago proposed the elimination of Shanghai from the zone of hostilities, but the warring leaders did not respond.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Southerners Capture Nanking. SHANGHAI, March 24th.

A NAVAL wireless message states that the Southerners have taken Nanking and Chinkiang.

[NAVAL WIRELESS REPORTS.]

Foreigners Threatened at Hankow. HANKOW, March 23rd.

By deliberate spreading of falsehood, the Chinese troops stationed here have been worked into a dangerous truculent mood. They have been stopping and threatening British residents with loaded revolvers and fixed bayonets.

It is only after 24 hours' expostulation that the Chinese authorities have been able to put a stop to it.

Customs Strike Over at Kiangling.

KIANGLING, March 23rd. The customs strike has terminated and the launch is now ready for duty. A large number of Chinese troops have proceeded down river.

The Situation at Wuhu.

WUHU, March 23rd. There is no change in the situation. The work of recovery of bodies from the sunken launch continues.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek is expected here shortly.

Tense Atmosphere at Nanking.

NANKING, March 23rd.

Gunfire is still audible this morning to the southward of the city. The Civil Government has demobilised and the Chinese population is evacuating in large numbers.

The remaining foreign women and children, excepting those who are natives of Nanking, have been concentrated in a building on the Bund where adequate protection can be afforded.

A tense atmosphere exists. The retreat of Northern troops from Nanking to Pukow, has already commenced.

Integrity of Chinkiang Concession.

CHINKIANG, March 23rd.

An arrangement for the integrity of the Concession has been made with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Three thousand Cantonese troops entered the city at midnight with disturbance.

The Northern forces are still holding the Silver Island Fort, while the Southerners are bringing up artillery to the Siangshan Fort. The Cantonese are passing through Chinkiang in large numbers in pursuance of their attack on Nanking.

SHANGHAI'S ARMED MOBS.

BRITISH SOLDIERS' PATIENCE AGAIN TRIED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 24th. This morning an armed mob of 500 demonstrated opposite the British posts in the north-eastern district, and aimlessly let off rifles, but the force did not reply. The mob finally retired.

Another partially armed mob of 300 approached the Coldstream Guards' post at the Markham Road Bridge, but also went off after a while without incident.

Northerners Being Sent to Tientsin.

SHANGHAI, March 24th. The total number of Northern troops who have been disarmed by the British on admission into the Settlement is officially given as 2,000.

These, together with 1,200 disarmed by the Japanese, are being shipping to Tientsin.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

U.S. Marines Wounded.

LONDON, March 23rd. Shanghai telegrams state that the Commander of the Nationalist forces to-day assured the Consular authorities of the Settlement that he intended to restore and maintain order in the city.

Although United States Marines co-operated with other troops in frustrating an attempt by a mob to enter the Settlement, several marines being wounded during the incident, there has been generally some relaxation of the tension existing during the previous 48 hours.

Shooting and disorders continue in some areas outside the cordon, but order is being maintained within the Settlement although little work is being done.

Several hundred disarmed Northerners, who were interned in the Settlement, were escorted by troops to the water-side and sent to their home districts.

COMMUNIST LITERATURE.

DISCUSSION IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 23rd.

The House of Lords discussed the China situation, Lord Dunsford, drawing attention to recent Communist publications in Britain, in which the interests of China were entirely ignored, said the real object was to injure Britain and wreck the Empire. He hoped that the Government would prosecute if the publications were criminal.

Lord, Parnmore (Labour) agreed. Lord Desborough, on behalf of the Government, declared that the publications were skillfully drawn up and kept within the law, except one inciting mutiny. But there was not sufficient evidence of authorship to warrant a prosecution. He recalled the proposals to China leading up to the Hankow Agreement, and said the terms were still open for Mr. Eugene Chen to make a similar arrangement as regards Shanghai. The Government hoped for such, but recognised that the whole of China was in such a state of disintegration that the hands of Mr. Chen were fully occupied.

THE SAAR.

TERMS OF THE LEAGUE'S AGREEMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, March 23rd.

Questioned regarding the Agreement reached by the Council of the League of Nations respecting the international railway police force for the Saar, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated in the House of Commons that the report of the Saar Governing Commission recommended that there should be placed at its disposal a Railway Defence Force of 800 men for the exclusive purpose of safeguarding transit and transport through the Saar territory and that in the case of necessity it should be able to call in two battalions of French troops from outside territory.

The League Council adopted on March 12th a resolution that the organisation proposed by the Governing Commission should be put into effect within a maximum delay of three months and, therefore, the troops stationed in the territory of the Saar would be withdrawn within that period. The Railway Defence could only take action affecting the population under exceptional circumstances. The strength of 800 men indicated for this force represented the maximum. Should the Governing Commission think it was entitled to take the necessary measures to that effect without being obliged previously to refer the matter to the Council.

NATIONAL HEALTH.

FOREIGN MEDICAL OFFICERS VISIT ENGLAND.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, March 23rd.

A party of foreign medical officers visiting England under the auspices of the Health Section of the League of Nations will reassemble in London to-morrow having completed an intensive course of study while attached to the provincial health departments. Before they leave for a final conference at Geneva in two days' time they will visit various sanitary organisations in the metropolis and will inspect the London County Council's schemes for housing and slum clearance.

BALKAN FERMENT.

SITUATION IMPROVED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

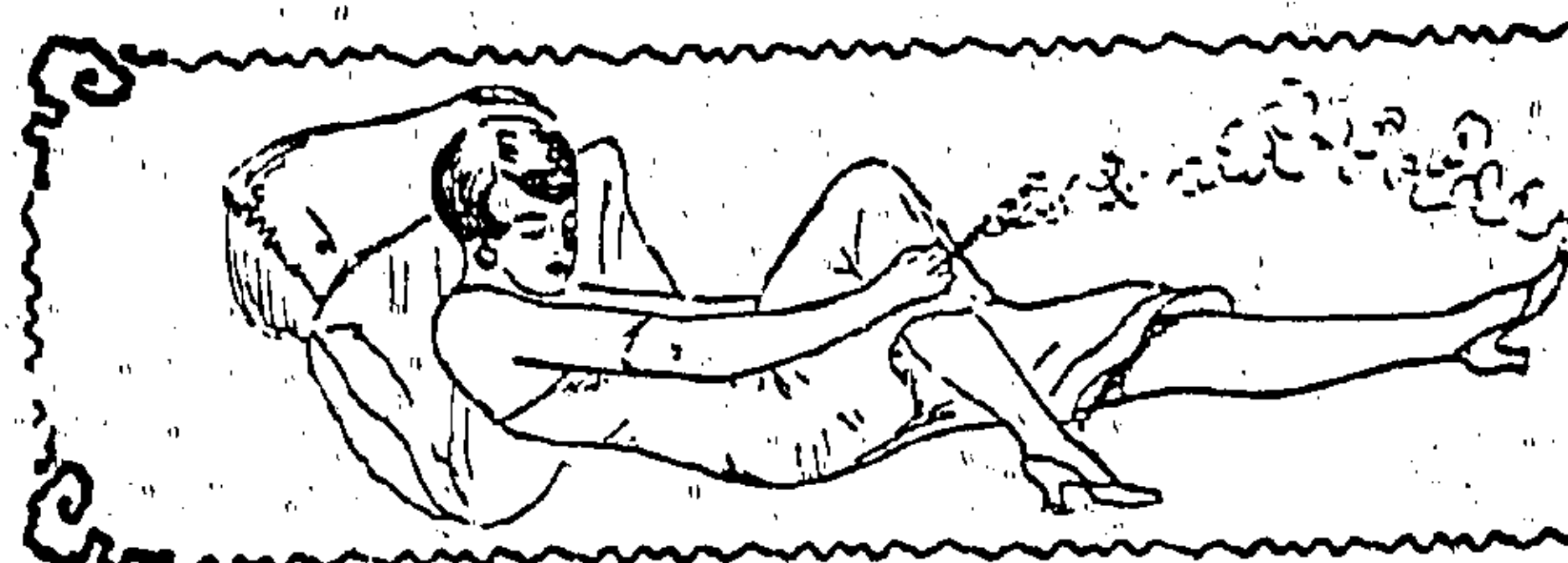
LONDON, March 23rd.

Diplomatic conversations upon the Adriatic situation are proceeding between Britain, France and Germany, the three Powers to whom the Italian Government addressed the recent Note.

In British circles, the Jugo-Slav Foreign Minister's statement welcoming an impartial inquiry into the facts is regarded as considerably easing the situation and there is a disposition to favour such investigation on the spot by military experts.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain said his information did not lead him to think that recourse to the League of Nations would be necessary.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in the House of Commons to-day emphatically denied that the British Government had made any approaches to the Italian Government with a view to inducing the latter to ratify the Treaty of Paris of 1920, relative to Bessarabia.



The WOMAN'S PAGE

THE CHILDREN'S ROOM.

H. G. Wells in his fantastic "Food of the Gods" draws a picture of the ideal nursery designed by Professor Redmond for his giant sons. We can't all build ideal nurseries, unfortunately, but most houses in Hong Kong contain a room which can be easily transformed into the next best thing.

The four essentials for a nursery are: Space, fresh air, light and cleanliness. Children, like plants, cannot grow strong and beautiful in cramped or darkened places.

A large sunny room with a wide verandah is ideal for a nursery. Cork carpet is the best floor covering as it is warm to sit on and can be kept perfectly clean, while for baby's play pen one of the delightful nursery rugs stocked by Powell's would give just the extra protection from draught necessary. These rugs are washable and have really charmingly designed pictures on them: little Bo Peep and Noah's ark are particularly fascinating. The walls should be treated with washable paint or with distemper, a pale silver blue was recommended by a child psychologist as the ideal colour because it gives an atmosphere of open air and freedom, but a pale honey colour would be my choice. Too much white should be avoided; any mother who has been long in a hospital ward will know how tiring it is to the eyes, besides which little fingers soon make it anything but white.

An excellent plan which will give the babies many happy hours is to have a frieze about three feet wide along the bottom of the walls. The stories of "The Three Bears," "The Pied Piper," or any other favourites, can either be painted direct on the walls or on canvas which is firmly glued, but see that both lines and colours are clear and simple.

Powell's make a speciality of nursery furniture and you can get there a miniature suite—sofa and two easy chairs upholstered in nursery cretonne which would make the small owners feel very grown up. They also stock very pretty small furniture—wardrobe, chest of drawers, cots, tables, etc., enamelled in white or pale colours and decorated with scenes from fairy stories. The advantage of this furniture is that it is made without any carving to catch the dirt, and can be washed all over without damaging the paint. A porcelain top to the nursery table is a great comfort; when baby is learning to feed himself, spills are unavoidable, and chalk, paints and plasticine can be washed off as easily as jam. For the windows and bath screen there are in the same shop a variety of nursery cretonnes, but I liked better the check patterns which I saw in Lane, Crawford's.

They have the fresh and dainty look which one associates with babyhood. Every nursery ought to have two cupboards; a dresser cupboard in the lower part of which the toys are kept, while the shelves, which should be fitted with sliding glass doors, accommodate the nursery crockery, etc., and a medicine cupboard. This should be kept locked and hung on the wall well out of the reach of "mischief" fingers. It should have two shelves of which one is devoted to first aid appliances. Lint, bandages, iodine, vaseline, blunt pointed scissors, a thermometer and safety pins are essential. The other shelf holds the necessary medicines—Castor and Cod Liver Oils and anything that the doctor may have ordered.

If your nursery is being planned for a tiny baby you can get a charming little cot at Whiteway Laidlaw's; it is all brass with a hammock bed which is soft and yielding to little bodies and cosy without being stuffy. If baby has a bottle it is wisest, especially with amams who are apt to be happy-go-lucky on the subject of cleanliness, to have special arrangements for preparing the food. This is the plan which I found most satisfactory. Buy a fairly large chest of drawers and have it (even if new) thoroughly scrubbed inside and out with disinfectant, and then painted with 2 or 3 coats of enamel. Three large white enamel trays are placed on top of the chest. On one is an enamel bowl to hold the bottles and measuring glass. It must be kept full of cold boiled water and covered with a weighted muslin. The middle tray holds the

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NURSERY MEALS.

To think of meals which are at once attractive and suitable for small children is a problem which worries many mothers especially since that mysterious word "vitamins" has been discovered. Of course, we all know that fruit is rich in the precious magic, but fresh fruit does not seem to agree with all children. The strained juice of an orange is excellent to begin the day with, and even weak old babies are given a teaspoonful a day. Apples are apt to be either wooden or spongy here and there is the fear of arsenic poisoning unless the skin and core are very carefully removed. They are better baked in a shallow pan with a very little water. Bananas are a subject of great controversy; some doctors recommend and some forbid them but I think it depends mainly on the child and the way they are eaten; being soft, little children are apt to gulp down a mouth full without biting it properly, which naturally causes indigestion. Of the dried fruits—prunes and figs are excellent if well stewed for the bigger baby, but the times must only be given the strained juice.

A very light sweet pudding which can be served with golden syrup or stewed fruit is made as follows, and is very nourishing. Take 4 oz. of flour and the same of bread crumbs, 3 oz. of sweet finely chopped, a pinch of salt, and 2 oz. of sugar.



David and June will be cool and look their dearest in a sailor suit and embroidered muslin.

Use self raising flour and mix all the ingredients together adding enough water to make a light dough. Steam for an hour in a well greased bunsin.

Biscuits are always a delight to children from the age of 5 or 6 months when they get an Allenbury's Bisk to help them with their teeth to when they leave the nursery. Sugar biscuits, especially if they are prettily decorated or plain ones cut in fancy shapes, seem to taste the best. I saw two new tins at Lane, Crawford's one in the shape of Noah's ark which has cut lions and tigers and elephants, and the inside and the other a Punch and Judy show. They also have delightful boxes of sugared or chocolate coated biscuits for parties or as a salve for a cut knee. Albers cracked wheat is the newest breakfast cereal, it is very cheap 55 cents a 2 lb. tin, and delightfully crisp.

tin of food and one of sugar and on it you do the mixing; the third has the spirit or electric stove and saucepan and a saucer for spout matches, and behind it nailed to the wall a match box holder. The bowl which holds the bottles, etc., should be put on the stove or gas ring once every day (with the bottles in it) and brought to the boil. If you insist that this is done; that the saucepan is scrupulously clean inside and out, and kept full of cold boiled water with a weighted muslin over it, and provide plenty of muslin covers so that one is boiled every day, there will be no risk of baby suffering from thrush.

Johnson's Talcum Powder which is put up in tins with a screw on top, I have found particularly pure and fine and it has just the right "baby" scent. Pyrex feeding bottles won't crack in the boiling and are the most up-to-date shape.

CLOTHES FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

I believe the first thought of any girl who looks forward to having children "one day" is "What fun it will be dressing them!" So it is, though it has its side too. They grow so fast, the little monkeys, and it's a constant nursery tragedy that those dainty little frocks and clean sailor suits are dirty almost as soon as they are put on, especially when there is a patient amah who will run round the room after the laughing baby through all the stages of dressing. But perhaps your babies are better behaved than mine!

The French design children's clothes on absurdly similar lines to those of their mothers yet with a simplicity which makes them quite suitable for best wear. I saw the most delightful models in Madame Sarraut's among them a smart little two piece in beige chiffon velvet trimmed with black and red checks, Madame Sarraut showed



This model is in natural tussore, with double attached scarf, and cuffs of chevron tussore; a simple practical sports dress.

me, too, a small coat in old gold velours de laine which had a pattern of black velvet circles arranged on the flared hem line, and a simpler coat in mossgreen velvet trimmed with white fur collar and cuffs. Of the many little "bestest" dresses, my favourites were a pink silk with a tree and garden gate embroidered in bright silks on the front and a shell pink crepe with a delightful Dutch scene worked in black outline stitch all round the hem. There was one gorgeous frock for the dark haired little girl made of yellow chiffon with a floral pattern and beaded with yellow had a few little stitched hats to match her coats, and Whiteway Laidlaw have a large selection of small straws in white, pink and blue, which while built on the most up-to-date lines preserve a child like simplicity and softness. I found at the Swatow Lace Co. very nice white embroidered dresses made of muslin or fine madapolam which would be ideal summer wear and stand hard washing.

Shoes are always a problem with children. They must be soft so as not to cramp the feet and yet it appears that stones must be kicked. The consequence; new shoes about once a month if you want them to be smart. I saw some very sturdy little shoes and sandals at Powell's in the "Peter Pan" make which struck me as being just what one wants. They are made of calf which is beautifully tanned and yet fairly solid. The sandals I liked best had thin rubber soles which is less hot and wears better than crepe. There were also charming little white suede shoes for the well brought up child.

THE FIRST TROUSSEAU.

The little things of the modern baby are so simple that it is a pleasure to make them oneself. Rows of tiny pin tucks, frills and insertions belonged to the long robes which the up-to-date doctor won't allow, though most mothers insist on one for the Christening. Many babies are put straight into woollen suits, which, unless you are good at knitting are better bought ready made. Powell's stock them both in Chilprut and in other suitable wools, but, personally, I think that they make the wee mites look rather like gnomes and I prefer the three quarter length flannel and dress.

Of ready made garments perhaps the "matinee coat" is the most fascinating and useless. A baby lies nearly always on its back, and a coat of this sort falls away from the neck, so that, unless it is double breasted and made to fasten in at least three places, it is of no help in keeping baby warm; merely overheats the back. Jerseys, though



A frilly little dress of orange organdie to be found at Powell's would make any little girl want to dance.

not so easy to put on, are far more satisfactory if baby needs any extra warmth, especially when he begins to kick, as they keep the clothes well down.

The latest idea is to have everything, vest, long flannel, and gown, made to open down the back with a good wrap over to avoid fastenings just over the spine. Little babies hate being turned over and over in the process of dressing and express their disapproval in a way which makes bath time very trying to a mother who is not yet very strong. When baby is ready to be dressed he can be laid face down

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UNIVERSAL AUNTS.

You know the Universal Aunts, that wonderful organisation which has its headquarters in London, and will do anything for you from choosing a school for your child to matching you a piece of ribbon. I can't promise to be a universal aunt, but I have been told that many newcomers find it difficult to know which shops to go to for various things. If you will write to me and tell me what you want I will find out for you where you can get it and the approximate cost. It would also help me to make this page of real use to women if you would tell me what you would like to discuss. If it is outside my province I could find out what books would help you. Talking of books reminds me that I saw a lot of the Rose Fyleman fairy books the other day at Kelly and Walsh; the illustrations are charming, and any reader of Punch will remember the peculiar charm of R.F.'s poems; just the ideal thing to teach the children.

If you will address your letter to "The Woman's Page," Hong Kong Daily Press, 14, Chater Road, and it is received by Tuesday I will give you an answer in the following Friday's issue.

on the opened garments which have been placed ready on your lap with all the sleeves one in side the other. Then you have only to put his arms into the sleeves and to fasten up the clothes and baby is dressed.

Japanese flannel and Fuji silk, which you can always find at the Pioneer Silk Store for \$1 a yard, are the ideal materials for baby things. Use the former for long gowns and night gowns; it is all wool and very soft and does not shrink or thicken like French flannel. If the flannels are scalloped all round with pale blue or pink silk and fastened with soft ribbons of the same shade they look very sweet, and with a little flower on the front as dainty as any mother could desire.

When baby is short coated, generally from 6 weeks to 3 months, according to the time of year, you will find that Fuji silk will make the simple little frocks required. It is easier to "get up" than starched muslin and much less likely to chafe tender skins. If your baby wears muslin you should see that the yoke and sleeves are left free of starch.

I saw some sweet little first shoes, and bonnets in what looked like Irish crochet at the Swatow Lace Store yesterday, also very pretty embroidered net \$5 for a 4 yard piece which would make dainty dresses over a silk foundation.

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If you haven't time for needlework or don't care for it, you can get the complete layette at Powell's, and if you are preparing for a first baby, they will give expert advice on the necessary articles and the numbers required. Don't be tempted, however, to get too many bibs, booties or bonnets; baby is sure to receive them as Christening presents.

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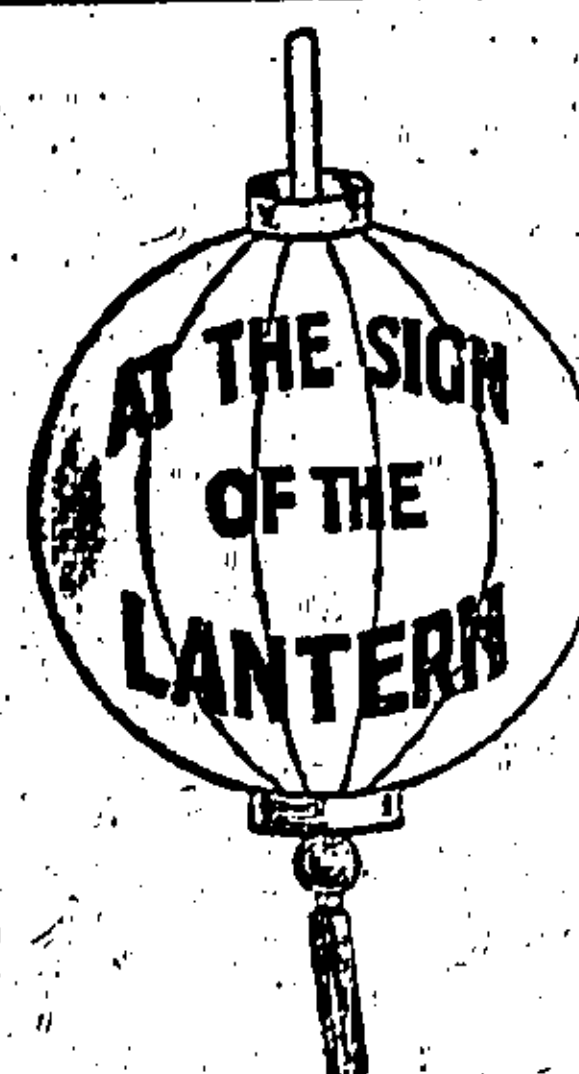
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ARRIVALS.

March 23rd.

Hearport, American str., 3,729 tons,
Capt. R. Hansen, from San Francisco and Swatow, with
garoline and general cargo,
lying at Leichikok.—Swayno
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March 23rd.

Daijuku Maru, Japanese str., 2,034
tons, Capt. U. Okuda, from
Mitaka, which port she left on
March 17th, with a cargo of
coal, lying at buoy No. B55.—
M.B.K.

Dur, Norwegian str., 761 tons,
Capt. L. Reed, from Canton,
lying at Stonecutters.—Thore-
sen & Co.

Janus, British str., 4,324 tons,
Capt. C. E. Atkins, from Cal-
cutta via Singapore. The latter
cutta via Singapore, with a
general cargo, lying at Kow-
loon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mac-
kenzie & Co.

Kue Sang, British str., 3,426 tons,
Capt. MacC. Liddell, from
Calcutta via Straits. She left
Singapore on March 19th, with
a general cargo, lying at Kow-
loon Wharf.—Jardine, Mathes-
on & Co.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,517
tons, Capt. T. Yasukawa, from
Shanghai and Swatow, with a
general cargo, lying at buoy
No. C42.—N.Y.K.

Sanchiya Maru, Japanese str.,
2,728 tons, Capt. T. Namba,
from Sourabaya and Tawan,
with sugar and rattan, lying at
Yau-matin.—O.S.K.

Tekitaya Maru, Japanese str., 4,287
tons, Capt. Kobe and Manila.
The latter port she left on
March 21st, with a general
cargo, lying at buoy No. A6.—
N.Y.K.

March 24th.

Jaba, British str., 3,155 tons, Capt.
W. Shaw, from San Pedro and
Yokohama. The latter port she
left on March 17th, with 2,300
tons of fuel oil, lying at North
Point.—A.P.C.

Atrous, British str., 4,284 tons,
Capt. G. H. Salter, from
Shanghai, which port she left
on March 21st, with a general
cargo, lying at buoy No. A3.—
B. & S.

Esther Dollar, British str., 4,548
tons, Capt. J. Tasker, from San
Francisco and Shanghai. The
latter port she left on March
20th, with kerosene and general
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Emmetts, British str., 4,849 tons,
Capt. J. W. Read, from Liver-
pool, which port she left on
February 19th, with a general
cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—
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Koku Maru, Japanese str., 1,549
tons, Capt. K. Yagata, from
Swatow and Canton, with sun-
dries, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.
—O.S.K.

Kwong Sang, British str., 1,428
tons, Capt. G. H. Hodgson,
from Tsingtau and Swatow,
with 541 tons of general cargo,
lying at West Point Wharf.—
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Noriken, Norwegian str., 1,779
tons, Capt. R. Jensen, from
Bangkok and Hoihow, with a
general cargo, lying at buoy
No. C41.—Kwang Nguan Seng.

Pheunphah, British str., 1,065 tons,
Capt. A. W. Hall, from Saigon,
which port she left on March
19th, with rice and general
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We Fat Shing.

Ni Kining, French str., 4,287 tons,
Capt. Bandet, from Dunkerque
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general cargo, lying at buoy
No. A20.—Messageries Mari-
times.

Soliken, Norwegian str., 1,435
tons, Capt. R. Jentoft, from
Saigon, with a general cargo,
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Tjikembang, Dutch str., 5,028 tons,
5,028 tons, Capt. T. P. Schat-
tenburg, from Shanghai, which
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with empty drums and general
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J.C.C.L.

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CLEARANCES.

March 24th.

Adna, for Tarnkan.

Apoc, for Singapore.

Catelas, for Shanghai.

Esther Dollar, for Haiphong.

Janus, for Shanghai.

Japan Arrow, for San Pedro.

Kingehow, for Swatow.

Koku Maru, for Swatow.

Kwong Sang, for Canton.

Nitaya Maru, for Saigon.

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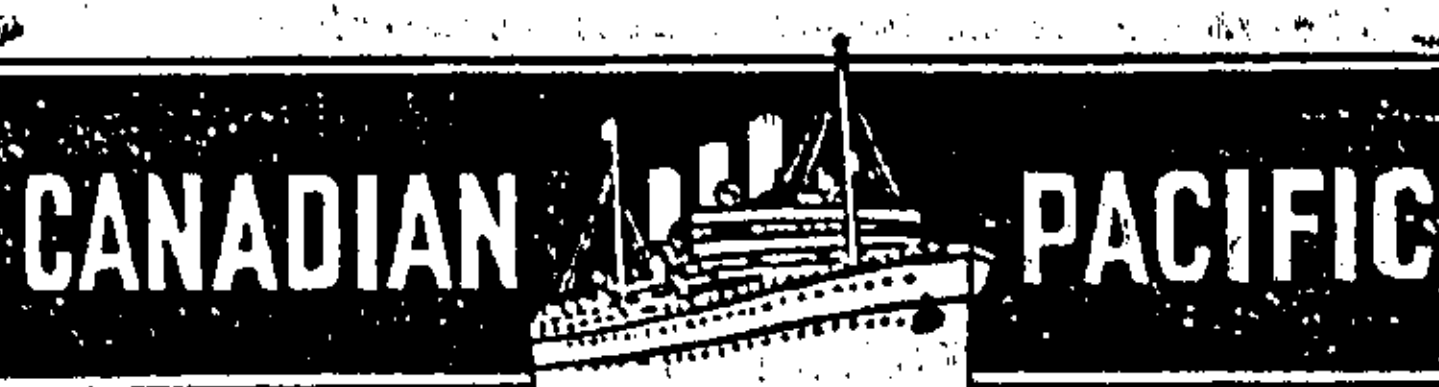
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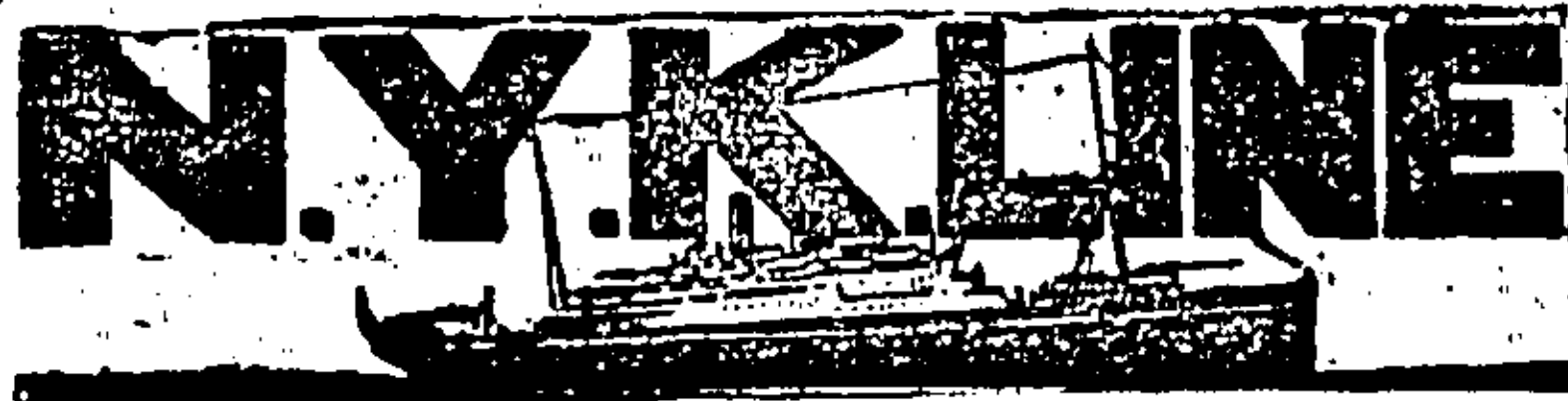
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GENOA MARU ... Monday, 28th March
 TAMBA MARU ... Monday, 11th April

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

CEYLON MARU ... Friday, 1st April
 MALACCA MARU ... Friday, 8th April

RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

TOMIURA MARU ... Sunday, 27th March

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MISHIMA MARU ... Saturday, 29th April

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Shipping News Daily Statement, Shipping Notes, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS NORMAL. THROUGH CARGOES HEAVY.

The freight returns during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed that the imports of general merchandise into the Colony had returned to the normal and that through freights had shown a considerable increase.

Of the sixteen vessels arriving in the port, thirteen discharged here. The total amount of general cargo unloaded was 16,142 tons. Of these, 3,339 tons were carried in British bottoms.

The two best returns were 3,384 tons and 2,750 tons, the former from the Japanese steamer *Taketojo Maru*, from Kobe and Manila, and the latter from the *s.s. Solviken* (Norwegian) from Saigon.

In addition to the above, there were also 3,187 tons of coal brought into the Colony by the *s.s. Daijuku Maru*, from Yokohama and Miki.

Through freights, although carried by nine out of the sixteen arrivals, were considerably heavier. The total amount manifested was 26,029 tons. Of these, two British steamers accounted for 9,500 tons.

The two best returns were shown by the *s.s. Sikiang* (French) from Saigon which carried 9,131 tons and the British steamer *Eumaeus*, from Swansea and Singapore accounted for 8,300 tons.

In addition to the above, there were also 1,001 tons of coal manifested on the *s.s. Daijuku Maru* arriving here from Yokohama and Miki.

During the period under review, there were 16 arrivals and 17 departures. The nationalities were:—British, 4 arrivals and 3 departures; Dutch, 2 arrivals; Japanese, 4 arrivals and 4 departures; French, 1 arrival and 3 departures; American, 2 arrivals and 1 departure; Norwegian, 3 arrivals and 2 departures; Chinese, 1 departure.

There were 62 vessels in port during the same period, of which, 22 were British.

The following were the cargo carriers:—

S.S. *Shantung* (British) from Shanghai and Swatow, 850 tons general for Hong Kong, and 1,200 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Pheuphen* (British) from Saigon, 1,700 tons rice for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Zumwalt* (British) from Swansea and Singapore, 800 tons general for Hong Kong and 5,300 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Elbeck* (American) from New Orleans and Foochow, 2,145 tons general and oil for Hong Kong, and 203 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Eather Dollar* (American) from San Francisco and Shanghai, 5,000 cases kerosene, 130 tons general for Hong Kong and 25,500 cases kerosene and 1,600 tons general for other ports.

S.S. *Tjikaboet* (Dutch) from Batavia and Balikpapan, 1,002 tons general for Hong Kong and 545 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Tjikembang* (Dutch) from Sourabaya and Shanghai, 83 tons empty drums for Hong Kong and 1,100 tons general for other ports.

S.S. *Noriken* (Norwegian) from Bangkok and Hekoh, 1,454 tons general for Hong Kong. (Continued on next column.)

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. *Tresta* will leave for Moji, Kobe and Osaka on Sunday, March 27th, at 7 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. *Gogra* left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst. at 8 a.m., and is due here on the 27th at about 7 a.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 4.30 p.m. stated:—

The anti-cyclone remains stationary and moderate to fresh monsoon will prevail along the coast and the Northern China Sea.

Local forecast: North-east winds, moderate, cloudy, drizzle or mist.

SHIPPING NOTES.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, 784 deck passengers arrived into the Colony.

Manifested on the French vessel *Sikiang*, which passed through here yesterday from Dunkerque and Saigon, were 47 cases of cannon shells for Shanghai.

Twenty cases of stores and 20 cases of cylinders were brought into the Colony for the Government by the *s.s. Eumaeus*, from Swansea and Singapore which arrived here yesterday.

The Inspecting Ordnance Officer will prove one-inch cartridges (with coloured star) at Stonecutter's to-day, announces a Notice to Mariners issued at the Harbour Office yesterday morning.

The *s.s. Sourabaya Maru*, which came into port yesterday from Sourabaya and Tawao, British North Borneo, reported the death of a Chinese deck passenger, named On Bun Ka. The man died at midnight on March 20th, and was buried at sea on March 22nd.

Charged with firing crackers in the harbour without a permit and with being on the wrong side of the fairway, the master of the steam launch *Tung Pat* was fined \$3 and \$10 respectively, with the alternative of three and ten days' hard labour. The sentence to run concurrently.

In a notice issued by the Harbour Authorities at Shanghai, it is stated that salvage operations are about to be commenced, on the *s.s. Jinsho Maru* which was sunk near No. 4, Buoy Astrea Channel. Those in command of vessels are advised to proceed with caution and to slow down speed when passing.



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s.s. "MIN" due to arrive from DUNKIRK, LONDON, HAVRE about the 22nd April.

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AMAZONE ...	55th Feb.	29th Mar.	26th April
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"DEVANHA"	8,155	18th April	Mar'as, London, Antwerp & Hull.
"ALIFORE"	8,273	20th April	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"DELTA"	8,597	27th April	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th April	Marseilles and London.
"NELLORE"	8,853	11th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KHIVA"	9,138	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NYANZA"	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MOREA"	10,188	28th May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	11th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,903	25th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,053	6th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"RAWALPINDI"	15,619	30th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,123	3rd Sept.	Marseilles, London, & Antwerp.

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Steamship	Tons	Sailings	Destinations
"TAKADA"	6,949	1st April	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
"JANUS"	4,824	17th April	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	25th April	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	28th April	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

Steamship	Tons	Sailings	Destinations
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th April	do.
"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st July	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th July	do.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship	Tons	Sailings	Destinations
"JANUS"	4,824	25th Mar., 10 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"TRESTA"	6,296	27th Mar., 7 a.m.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"LAHORE"	6,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"GOGRA"	5,181	27th Mar., Noon	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,597	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,000	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	6th April	Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"JEYPORE"	7,648	13th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	8,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,138	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	22nd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,188	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.

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